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—OF THE—

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—HELD AT—

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YEAR	TIME.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
1865..	July 5.....	Athens.....	D. W. Clark.....	J. F. Spence.
1866..	May 17.....	Greeneville.....	D. W. Clark.....	J. F. Spence.
1867..	October 3...	Knoxville... ..	C. Kingsley.....	J. F. Spence.
1868..	October 8...	Chattanooga....	D. W. Clark.....	J. F. Spence.
1869..	October 7....	Jonesboro.....	M. Simpson.....	J. F. Spence.
1870..	October 3....	Knoxville.....	L. Scott.....	J. J. Manker.
1871..	October 11...	Greeneville.....	L. Scott.....	J. J. Manker.
1872..	October 2....	Cleveland.....	S. M. Merrill....	J. J. Manker.
1873..	October 1....	Knoxville.....	G. Haven.....	J. J. Manker.
1874..	September 30	Chattanooga....	E. G. Andrews...	J. J. Manker.
1875..	September 29	Greeneville.....	T. Bowman.....	J. J. Manker.
1876..	October 4....	Kingston.....	L. Scott.....	J. J. Manker.
1877..	September 27	Knoxville.....	W. L. Harris.....	J. J. Manker.
1878..	October 2....	New Market....	L. Scott.....	J. J. Manker.
1879..	October 15...	Knoxville... ..	I. W. Wiley.....	J. J. Manker.
1880..	October 20...	Greeneville.....	E. O. Haven.....	J. D. Roberson.
1881..	October 20...	Maryville.....	E. G. Andrews...	J. S. Hill.
1882..	October 19...	Chattanooga... .	M. Simpson.....	J. S. Hill.
1883..	October 17...	Knoxville.....	T. Bowman.....	J. S. Hill.
1884..	October 16...	Greeneville ...	H. W. Warren...	T. B. Russell.
1885..	October 15...	Johnson City...	J. F. Hurst.....	T. B. Russell.
1886..	October 21...	Athens.....	W. F. Mallalieu..	T. B. Russell.
1887..	October 12...	Knoxville.....	E. G. Andrews...	T. B. Russell.
1888..	October 10...	Cleveland.....	J. N. FitzGerald.	T. B. Russell.
1889..	October 9....	Dayton.....	I. W. Joyce.....	T. B. Russell.
1890..	October 8....	Greeneville.....	J. M. Walden....	T. B. Russell.
1891..	October 21...	Chattanooga....	W. X. Ninde....	T. B. Russell.
1892..	October 5....	Morristown.....	C. D. Foss.	T. B. Russell.
1893..	October 11...	Maryville.....	S. M. Merrill....	T. B. Russell.
1894..	October 17...	Johnson City...	R. S. Foster.....	T. B. Russell.
1895..	October 9....	Knoxville.....	D. A. Goodsell...	T. B. Russell.
1896..	September 30	Newport.....	W. F. Mallalieu..	J. H. Amis.

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The Holston Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal
Church, Held at Newport, Tennessee, September
30 to October 5, 1896.

BISHOP W. F. MALLALIEU, Presiding.
JAMES H. AMIS, Secretary.
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1. *Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conference?* George R. Rowan, From the Oklahoma Conference; J. W. Jones, from the Baltimore Conference; James Tallant, from the Austin Conference; S. T. Westhafer, from the Maine Conference; T. W. Brown, from the Blue Ridge Conference.
2. *Who have been Readmitted?* None.
3. *Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?* None.
4. *Who have been Received on Trial?* (a) *In studies of First Year:* John W. Cardwell, William T. Sanders, Albert B. McKenzie, William C. Wheeler, William S. Brackney, Samuel V. Lowe.
5. *Who have been Continued on Trial?* (a) *In Studies of First Year:* None. (b) *In Studies of Second Year:* Robert A. Parham, Royal A. Simonds, Robert G. Pike, Deloy H. Jameson. (c) *In Studies of Third Year:* None. (d) *In Studies of Fourth Year:* None.
6. *Who have been Discontinued?* None.
7. *Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?* (a) *Elected and Ordained Deacons this Year:* Jacob S. Best, Bur-

ton M. Martin. (b) *Elected and ordained Deacons Previously*: William S. Bandy, Charles D. Houchins, S. T. Westhafer, James E. Tallant.

8. *What Members are in Studies of Third Year?* (a) *Admitted into Full Membership this year*: Jacob S. Best, Charles D. Houchins, William S. Bandy, S. T. Westhafer, B. M. Martin, James E. Tallant. (b) *Admitted into Full Membership previously*: None.

9. *What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?* James E. Hughes, John M. Emert, James M. York, Martin Watts.

10. *What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?* (a) *Elected and Ordained Elders this year*: James M. Melear, George M. Stout. (b) *Elected and Ordained Elders previously*: None.

11. *What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?* (a) *As Local Preachers*; David H. Gibson, William S. Brackney. (b) *Under Missionary Rule*: None.

12. *What other have been Elected and Ordained Elders?* (a) *As Local Deacons*: Joshua Linebaugh. (b) *Under Missionary Rule*: None.

13. *Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?* This was strictly done as the name of each Preacher was called in open Conference.

14. *Who have been Transferred, and to what Conference?* Thomas C. Warner, to Baltimore Conference.

15. *Who have Died?* William C. Graves, A. G. Watkins, D. B. Lawton, S. B. Scott, D. S. Hodsden, E. L. Fillmore, and A. J. Greer.

16. *Who have been located at their own Request?* None.

17. *Who have been Located?* None.

18. *Who have Withdrawn?* S. B. Hillock, Charles Lynch.

19. *Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?* None.

20. *Who have been Expelled?* None.

21. *What other personal Notation should be made?* (a) James B. Cobble. as Local Deacon, from Congregational Church.

22. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?* J. N. Baker,

J. D. Lawson, F. M. Cones, A. F. Creswell, J. B. Seaton, J. F. Spence, J. A. Baker.

23. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?* S. W. Hyden, George Julian, W. R. Long, Samuel Greear, J. B. Fitzgerald, J. B. Little, R. O. Ayers, P. H. Reed, T. H. Russell, W. C. Daily, J. W. Mann.

24. *Who are the Triers of Appeals?* Hazen Oaks, T. R. West, A. G. Cadle, W. Kinsland, A. C. Peters, P. H. Henry and J. W. McGee.

25. *What is the Statistical Report for this year?* See report.

26. *What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections as reported by the Conference Treasurer?* \$4,125.00

27. *What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?* \$1,095.00.

28. *What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?* \$1,095.00. To conference claimants.

29. *Where are the Preachers Stationed?* See Appointments.

30. *Where shall the Next Conference be held?* At Athens, Tennessee.



HOLSTON CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.



ATHENS DISTRICT.

J. J. ROBINETTE, Presiding Elder, Athens.
 Athens—J. M. Mclear.
 Athens Circuit—Hazen Oaks.
 Chalata—J. F. Perry.
 Cleveland—G. R. Rowan.
 Cleveland Circuit—T. G. Chase.
 Decatur—G. M. Stone.
 Ducktown—A. G. Cadle.
 Ebenezer—J. S. Strange.
 Erie—Supplied by A. J. Haynes.
 Kingston—M. C. Bruner, D. H. Jameson.
 Lenoir—J. W. Cardwell.
 Loudon—W. S. Brackney.
 Maryville—L. S. Fuller.
 Maryville Circuit—E. H. McLaughlin.
 Madisonville—T. A. Cuss.
 North Athens—Benjamin Crist.
 W. W. Hooper, M. R. M. Bark and E. C. Ferguson, Professors in U. S. Grant University, members of Athens Quarterly Conference
 H. G. Lemon, W. C. Wheeler and Martin Watts left without appointments to attend one of our schools.

CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.

J. J. MANKER, Presiding Elder, Chattanooga.
 Chattanooga—
 First Church—S. T. Westhafer.
 Alton Park—Supplied by W. P. Weston.
 Avondale—R. G. Pike.
 Highland Park—B. M. Martin.
 Hill City—J. E. Hughes.
 Ridgedale and Tabernacle—To be supplied.
 Snerman Heights—U. S. A. Heavener.
 Crossville Circuit—Supplied by H. L. Nestor.
 Daisy Circuit—Supplied by W. C. Haltom.
 Dayton and Spring City—G. W. Coleman.
 Graysville—J. S. Best.
 Harriman—J. C. Wright
 Jasper—Supplied by John Swiney.
 Kimball Circuit—To be supplied.
 Morgan Springs—To be supplied.
 Pikeville—J. A. York.
 Rockwood—Roy A. Simonds.
 South Pittsburg—Supplied by G. W. Paul.
 Tracy City—Supplied by W. T. Dugan.
 Webster Circuit—R. A. Parham.
 G. T. Newcomb, Dean School of Theology, member First Church Quarterly Conference. R. J. Cooke, Professor School of Theology, member Athens Quarterly Conference. J. S. Petty, Field Agent Grant University, member First Church Quarterly Conference.

CLINTON DISTRICT.

J. D. ROBERSON, Presiding Elder, Loudon.
 Andersonville—A. Y. Snavely.
 Big Valley—W. S. Grant.

Clinton—J. H. Amis.
 Cumberland Gap—C. W. Miller.
 Deer Lodge—Supplied by W. D. Gorman.
 Jamestown—A. C. Peters.
 Jellico and Newcomb—M. H. Monroe.
 Maynardsville—G. M. Stout.
 New River—Supplied by B. C. Taylor.
 Oliver Springs—S. V. Lowe.
 Rutledge—Supplied by J. T. Phillips.
 Scarbrough—W. T. Sanders.
 Sunbright—J. C. Harmon.
 Tazewell—T. W. Brown.
 Well Spring—J. M. Emert.

GREENEVILLE DISTRICT.

S. G. KETRON, Presiding Elder, Bloomingdale.
 Bloomingdale—C. D. Houchins.
 Butler—To be supplied.
 Chucky City—H. B. Ogle.
 Elizabethton and Roan Mountain—D. G. Pile.
 Erwin—H. W. McKenzie.
 Fall Branch—J. W. McGee.
 Greeneville—T. B. Russell.
 Greeneville Circuit—W. R. Byerly.
 Johnson City—L. B. Caldwell.
 Jonesboro Circuit—G. B. Cox.
 Mountain City—G. W. Clendenen.
 Newport Circuit—A. B. McKenzie.
 Oakland—T. R. West.
 Parrottsville—J. L. Cardwell.
 Rogersville—W. S. Bandy.
 Romeo—To be supplied.
 Sneedville—D. Richardson.
 Sargoinville—J. C. Hodge.
 Watauga Circuit—J. H. Jennings.

KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.

JAMES A. RUBLE, Presiding Elder, Maryville.
 Dandridge—W. T. Senter
 Elm Grove and Jones' Chapel—T. H. Hodge.
 Fair Garden—P. H. Henry.
 Knoxville:
 Asylum Street—L. H. Miller.
 East End—J. M. Durham.
 First Church—J. W. Jones.
 Luttrell Street—J. S. Jones.
 Knoxville Circuit—A. M. Rose.
 Little River—L. O. Crowder.
 Morristown—W. C. Miller.
 Morristown Circuit—T. S. Walker.
 Newport—G. T. Francisco.
 New Salem—W. B. Rippetoe.
 Richardson's Cove—To be supplied.
 Sevierville—M. A. Rule.
 Thorn Grove—William Kinsland.
 Wear's Valley—Supplied by J. B. Seaton.
 James E. Tallant, Principal Holston Seminary, member of Dandridge Quarterly Conference.

HOLSTON CONFERENCE JOURNAL,



NEWPORT, TENNESSEE, September 30, 1896.

The thirty-second annual session of the Holston Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in the M. E. Church, Newport, at 9 o'clock, A. M., September 30, 1896, Bishop Willard F. Mallalieu, LL. D., of Boston, presiding.

In opening the conference Rev. J. A. Ruble announced our conference hymn, 798:

“And are we yet alive,
And see each other's face?

Devotions Glory and praise to Jesus give
For His redeeming grace.”

After the singing, Rev. S. G. Ketron led in prayer; Scriptures read, 1st chapter of I Peter, by Dr. J. J. Robinette. Dr. J. J. Manker announced the hymn 211, after the singing of which, the Bishop, assisted by the Presiding Elders, administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in a very beautiful and impressive manner.

Rev. T. B. Russell, secretary of the former session called the Conference Roll and 49 members of the conference, and 6 probationers, answered to their names. When the names of seven of our beloved brethren were called it was solemnly announced, *he is dead.*

On motion of J. A. Ruble, J. H. Amis was elected Secretary, with J. F. Perry and M. C. Bruner, Assistants. M. A. Rule was elected Statistical Secretary; J. M. Melear, Assistant. L. S. Fuller was elected Treasurer; T. B. Russell, Assistant.

Standing Committees The list of Standing Committees was read by J. J. Robinette, and confirmed by the conference. On motion J. L. Cowen, representative of the Book Concern, at Cincinnati, was added to the committee on Book Concern Accounts.

Papers Referred Papers relating to the *Gospel in all Lands*, Christian Temperance Alliance, Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education, Episcopal Fund, Sunday-school Union, and Tracts, were referred to the proper committees.

Missions The Presiding Elders were appointed a committee on Missions.

Time of Daily Sessions On motion of J. A. Ruble, at the suggestion of the pastor, J. E. Hughes, the time of meeting and adjourning of the sessions was fixed at 8:30 and 11:45 A. M.

Bar The Bar of the conference was fixed to include sixteen pews directly in front of the altar.

Drafts The Bishop announced that the conference was authorized to draw on the Chartered Fund of the M. E. Church for \$22.00, and on the Book Concern for \$777.00, and on motion drafts were ordered, properly signed, and placed in the hands of J. S. Petty, Chairman of the Board of Stewards.

Dr. Mann On motion of J. A. Ruble the Secretary was requested to send a telegram of sympathy to Rev. J. W. Mann, D. D., in his afflictions.

Grades On motion of G. W. Coleman the conference decided that the grade in all studies in the conference should be above 65, in the scale of 100.

Certificates of Examinations On motion of J. J. Manker it was decided that in pursuance of the action of the General Conference on the subject of Conference Examinations the Certificate of any of our literary and theological schools, to the effect that a candidate has passed the usual examinations shall be received by the confer-

ence as satisfactory for the present session; but that for the future such certificates must include the grades made in each and every study.

The following persons were introduced to the conference: Rev. Dr. S. L. Baldwin, Secretary Missionary Society; A. L. S. Bateman, of North Ohio Conference; Rev. A. C. Snoddy, of the Presbyterian Church; Rev. William M. Dye, of Virginia Conference; Rev. E. H. Reynolds, of Blue Ridge Conference; Rev. G. R. Rowan, of Oklahoma Conference; Rev. J. D. Hickson, of M. E. Church, South; Rev. J. W. Jones, who was transferred from Baltimore Conference; Mr. J. L. Cowen, of the Book Concern at Cincinnati; Mr. George W. Mallalieu, brother of the Bishop; Charles H. Bateman, M. D., of Newport; Rev. James G. Teter, of North Minnesota Conference; Rev. S. T. Westhafer, transferred from Maine Conference.

The thirteenth question, *was the character of each preacher examined?* was taken up.

After the passage of their characters, J. J. Robinette, Presiding Elder, Athens District; J. J. Manker, Presiding Elder, Chattanooga District; J. D. Roberson, Presiding Elder, Clinton District; S. G. Ketron, Presiding Elder, Greeneville District; J. A. Ruble, Presiding Elder, Knoxville District, each gave a clear, interesting and encouraging report of their respective Districts.

On motion of M. A. Rule it was decided to have a statistical session at 2 o'clock.

After announcements, and appropriate remarks by the Bishop, on motion the conference adjourned with the benediction by Dr. Baldwin.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference called to order at 2 o'clock, L. B. Caldwell in the chair. Devotional services conducted by D. G. Pile. The roll was called, and the statistics were collected.

On motion the conference adjourned with benediction by Dr. Manker.

SECOND DAY.

NEWPORT, TENNESSEE, October 1, 1896.

Conference met at 8:30 o'clock. Prayer-meeting conducted by Rev. P. H. Henry, at the conclusion of which the journal of yesterday was read, corrected and approved.

Committee of Examination On motion of G. W. Coleman, Hazen Oaks, T. B. Russell, and J. S. Jones were appointed a committee on examination of candidates for admission on trial.

Dr. Baldwin Dr. S. L. Baldwin addressed the conference on the importance of diffusing missionary information, and of pressing the claims of the Missionary Society.

Transfers A resolution in regard to receiving transfers into this conference was presented by G. W. Coleman, and on motion of J. J. Manker it was referred to the committee on Conference Relations.

Special Transfers Dr. J. J. Robinette read a paper relating to special transfers, and on motion of D. G. Pile it was considered in open conference. On motion of G. W. Coleman it was adopted, after an animated discussion, during which a motion for the previous question by I. H. Miller was lost; and, also a motion by J. A. Ruble to refer it to a special committee was lost.

Question of Privilege J. W. Jones arose to a question of privilege. He thanked the conference for the sentiments just expressed by the brethren, and assured them of his loyalty to the principles of our itinerancy.

Question 13 Resumed The thirteenth question was resumed. The following effective Elders were called and after the passage of their characters, those in charge reported their collections. They were requested to report their missionary collections, and to state if all the collections were taken.

Hazen Oaks, J. S. Strange, M. H. Monroe, W. C. Miller,

T. G. Chase, J. F. Perry, M. C. Bruner, L. S. Fuller, L. B. Caldwell, T. R. West, Benjamin Crist, T. A. Cass, R. J. Cooke, W. W. Hooper, M. R. M. Burk, E. C. Furguson, S. T. Westhafer, G. W. Coleman, U. S. A. Heavener, Effective J. C. Wright, J. C. Harmon, G. T. Francisco, Elders G. T. Newcomb, J. S. Petty, A. Y. Snavely, W. S. Grant, E. H. McLaughlin, C. W. Miller, A. C. Peters, J. H. Amis, P. H. Henry, A. G. Cadle, D. G. Pile, J. W. McGee, T. B. Russell, J. C. Hodge, G. B. Cox, H. W. McKenzie, H. B. Ogle, W. R. Byerly, G. W. Clendenen, J. L. Cardwell, D. Richardson, W. T. Senter, I. H. Miller, J. S. Jones, J. M. Durham, A. M. Rose, L. O. Crowder, T. H. Hodge, T. S. Walker, M. A. Rule, William Kinsland, W. B. Rippetoe.

When the name of G. M. Stone was called G. M. Stone J. J. Robinette stated that it was rumored that brother Stone was not a member of this conference; that he had joined the United Brethren Church.

On motion of Dr. Manker a committee was J. C. Wright appointed on the relation of J. C. Wright to the conference, consisting of the following, *viz.*: T. S. Walker, T. B. Russell, L. B. Caldwell, J. W. McGee, Benjamin Crist.

Dr. Cooke addressed the conference for a few minutes on the claims of the *Methodist Advocate-Journal*.

Rev. J. S. Hill, Principal of Morristown Seminary, and Rev. J. E. Tallant, of Austin Conference were introduced to the conference.

On motion of L. B. Caldwell tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock was fixed, as the time for voting on the constitutional questions.

Notices were given, and the conference adjourned by expiration of time. The doxology was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by W. R. Long.

THIRD DAY.

NEWPORT, TENNESSEE, October 2, 1896.

The conference reassembled at 8:30 A. M. Devotional services conducted by G. W. Coleman. The minutes were read, corrected, and approved as corrected.

Delinquent Charges Delinquent charges were called, and it was found that no reports had been received from Highland Park or Ooltewah.

Credentials T. B. Russell presented a report on credentials, which, on motion of Dr. Manker, was received and placed on file.

T. B. Russell stated that he had \$16.00 in his possession, which had been placed in his hands by this conference last year for Mrs. Ingle, of the Virginia Conference.

Mrs. Ingle Mrs. Ingle having died before the money reached her, he asked what he should do with the money.

On motion of J. S. Jones he was authorized to return it to the present Board of Stewards.

Conference Claimants On motion of Dr. Manker the following persons were placed on the list of Conference Claimants, *viz.*: Mrs. E. L. Fillmore, Mrs. D. B. Lawton, Mrs. A. G. Watkins, Mrs. S. B. Scott, Mrs. A. J. Greer, and the minor children of the late D. S. Hodsden.

On motion of Dr. T. R. West, W. B. Rippetoe was added to the committee on memoirs.

Class of First Year The class of the first year was called. Robert A. Parham, Royal A. Simonds, and Robert G. Pike, having passed satisfactory examinations, and recommended by the Presiding Elders, on motion, were passed in the studies of the first year.

Those in charge reported their collections.

Third Year The class of the third year, J. E. Hughes, J. M. Emert, and J. M. York. There being nothing against them, they reported their collections; and being highly recommended by the committee of exam-

ination and the Presiding Elders, on motion they were passed in the studies of the third year.

Fourth Year James M. Melear, George M. Stout, characters passed, they reported their collections; and, having met the requirements of the discipline were passed in fourth year, and elected to Elder's Orders.

Continued Charles Lynch and Martin Watts not being present, on motion of the Presiding Elder, were continued in the studies of the fourth year.

Complaint Entertained On motion of S. G. Ketron the complaint against G. M. Stone for leaving the charge to which he had been assigned by Bishop Goodsell was entertained. On motion of Dr. Caldwell

the following committee was appointed to try the complaint: Dr. G. T. Newcomb, W. C. Miller, G. T. Francisco, G. W. Coleman, J. M. Durham, J. F. Perry, P. H. Henry, J. S. Jones, William Kinsland, J. W. McGee, J. L. Cardwell, I. H. Miller.

Special Committee Dr. Newcomb was appointed chairman, and all papers relating to the case were placed in his hands.

Dr. Cooke Brother Stone selected as counsel Dr. Cooke, who was confirmed by the conference. On motion

J. M. Melear of Dr. Robinette, J. M. Melear was appointed counsel for the Church. M. C. Bruner

M. C. Bruner was appointed secretary for this committee.

Dr. Newcomb Dr. Newcomb gave a very interesting and encouraging report of the work of the Theological School at Chattanooga.

Under the twelfth question, David H. Gibson, from the Athens District, and William S. Brackney, from the Knoxville District, having passed a satisfactory examination

Question 12 on the four years course of study for Local Preachers, and being properly recommended, were elected to Deacon's Orders. Joshua Linebaugh, from the Greeneville District, being properly recommended, and having passed the required examination, on motion, was elected to Elder's Orders.

James B. Cobble, who came to our Church from the Congregational Church, after satisfactorily answering the disciplinary questions propounded by the Bishop, on motion of J. D. Roberson, was recognized as a Local Deacon.

J. B. Cobble On motion of E. H. McLaughlin it was decided to hold a Temperance and Prohibition service this evening at 7 o'clock.

Temperance Service

Introduced Rev. W. A. Webber, of the East Tennessee Conference, was introduced to the conference; and, at the suggestion of the Bishop, a collection was taken to assist brother Webber in building a church.

D. H. Jameson On motion of Dr. Robinette, the Secretary was requested to send to brother D. H. Jameson a telegram expressing to him our sympathy in his affliction.

J. L. Cowen J. L. Cowen made a statement to the conference, offering great bargains in books, and urging the preachers to avail themselves of them.

Second Year Class of the second year was called. Deloy H. Jameson, not being present on account of personal affliction, was continued in the studies of the second year.

Burton M. Martin, William S. Bandy, Jacob S. Best, Charles D. Houchins, Sherman T. Westhafer, and James E.

Bishop's Address Tallant were called forward, and after a very earnest and impressive address by the Bishop on the honors, duties and privileges of the ministry in the Methodist Episcopal Church, they answered affirmatively, without hesitation, all the Disciplinary Questions, and, on motion, were passed in the studies of the second year, admitted into full connection in the

Elected Deacons conference; and Burton M. Martin, Jacob S. Best, were elected to Deacon's Order. Charles

D. Houchins and William S. Bandy having been ordained Deacons, and Sherman T. Westhafer and James E. Tallant ordained Elders.

On motion the time was extended.

On motion of L. B. Caldwell the time for
Time voting on the Constitutional Questions was
Deferred deferred till tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock.

On motion B. M. Martin and A. C. Peters were added to the committee on Church Literature.

Notices were given, and conference adjourned
Adjourned with the benediction by W. C. Daily.

FOURTH DAY.

NEWPORT TENNESSEE, October 3, 1896.

The conference met this morning at 8:30 o'clock, the Bishop conducting the devotional exercises. At 9 o'clock the minutes were read, corrected and approved.

On motion a communication was sent to the
Railroads Railroad Authorities, signed by the President and Secretary of the conference.

Dr. J. M. Freeman, representative of the
Introduced Sunday-school Union and Tract Society, and Dr. W. H. W. Rees, of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, were introduced to the conference.

Dr. T. B. Russell stated that there was a
Debt debt on the printing of the minutes of last year of \$—, and, on motion of J. A. Ruble, I. H. Miller was appointed to collect funds to liquidate that debt.

On motion of G. W. Coleman, a committee
Publishing was appointed on the publication of the minutes, consisting of the Secretary and his Assistants, the Statistical Secretary, and the Treasurer.

L. S. Fuller, the conference Treasurer, made
Treasurer's his report by Districts, which was adopted.

The twenty-second question was taken up—“*Who are the*
Supernu- *Supernumerary Preachers?*” J. N. Baker, J. D. Lawson, F. M. Cones, A. F. Cresswell, J. B. Seaton, J. F. Spence, J. A. Baker, were called
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and there being nothing against them were continued in the Supernumerary relation.

Effective J. H. Jennings was made effective.

Superannuates Under the twenty-third question, S. W. Hyden, G. Julian, W. R. Long, Samuel Greear, J. B. Fitzgerald, J. B. Little, R. O. Ayers, P. H. Reed, T. H. Russell, W. C. Daily, J. W. Mann, were called, characters passed, and they were continued in the superannuated relation.

Present W. C. Daily, W. R. Long, J. B. Fitzgerald and P. H. Reed were present and the conference was delighted and melted to tears with the cheering words of these dear old heroes.

Dead When the names of W. C. Graves, A. G. Watkins, A. J. Greer, S. B. Scott and D. B. Lawton were called the response came in solemn tones, *Dead*.

Order of the Day The order of the day was taken up. The questions to be voted upon were stated by the Bishop, "Eligibility" and "Equal representation in the General Conference."

Votes Votes on Eligibility, ayes 34, noes 23; Equal Representation, ayes 27, noes 28.

Introduced Sister Hughes, widow of Rev. John R. Hughes, who, for many years, was an efficient and honored member of this conference was introduced to the conference.

Sunday-schools and Tracts J. F. Perry presented the report on Sunday-schools and Tracts, which, after some encouraging remarks by Dr. Freeman, was adopted.

Question 30 Athens On motion of Dr. Robinette question thirty—*Where shall the next Conference be held?*—was taken up. Athens and Harriman were put in nomination, and when the vote was taken Athens was selected.

Temperance Report The Temperance Report was read by E. H. McLaughlin and, on motion, was adopted.

- Dr. Rees Dr. W. H. W. Rees addressed the conference on the importance of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.
- Auditing The Auditing Committee reported and the report was adopted.
- Dist. Conf. Records The report on District Conference Records was read and adopted.
- G. M. Stone Vindicated The committee in the case of G. M. Stone reported through M. C. Bruner stating that Brother Stone had been vindicated, after which his character was passed.

On motion of L. B. Caldwell it was decided that when we adjourn we do so to meet at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

After notices were given conference adjourned with benediction by J. B. Fitzgerald.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Dr. Cooke. Minutes of morning session read, corrected and approved.

Who shall be Received on Trial?—was taken up. John W. Cardwell, from the Athens District; William T. Sanders, from Clinton District; Albert B. McKenzie, William C. Wheeler, from Greeneville District; William S. Brackney and Samuel V. Lowe, from Knoxville District, being properly recommended, and passed satisfactory examination, on motion, were received on trial.

On File Grade of the class placed on file.

Continued On motion of L. B. Caldwell, Hugh G. Lemon was continued on trial and left without an appointment to attend school.

Martin Watts Martin Watts was made effective and left without appointment to attend school.

J. C. Wright The committee in the case of J. C. Wright made a report, which, on motion, was adopted; after which his character passed.

The Permanent Committee on Temperance was nominated by E. H. McLaughlin and confirmed by the conference. On motion of I. H. Miller, E. H. McLaughlin was added to the committee.

On motion J. C. Wright was excused from preaching the missionary sermon.

The Committee on Public Worship made announcements for Sabbath services.

On account of arduous labors, on motion, Dr. Cooke was relieved from preaching on Sunday, and G. W. Coleman was appointed in his stead.

A communication from Rev. Charles Lynch, asking to withdraw from M. E. Church, was read by Dr. Manker and, on motion his request was granted.

Reports on Church Extension, American Bible Society, Epworth League, Church Literature and Education were read and adopted.

A resolution requesting the business manager of the *Methodist Advocate-Journal* to send receipts for money sent him on subscriptions, was offered by Dr. Robinette and, on motion was adopted.

On motion of M. C. Bruner, subscriptions were taken for the printing of the minutes.

Rev. R. L. Leslie, of the Virginia Conference, and Rev. H. W. Leslie, of the Presbyterian Church, were introduced to the conference.

On motion it was decided that when we adjourn we do so to meet at 7:30 o'clock Monday morning.

On motion of Dr. Caldwell, J. J. Manker and T. S. Walker were appointed a committee on resolutions.

After some kindly given remarks by the Bishop, conference adjourned with benediction by T. S. Walker.

FIFTH DAY.

NEWPORT, TENNESSEE, Oct. 5, 1896.

Conference met this morning at 7:30 o'clock. After devotional services the minutes were read, corrected and approved.

Mrs. Ingle On motion of T. R. West, S. G. Ketron was requested to write the memoir of Mrs. Ingle.

Without Appointment At his own request William C. Wheeler was left without an appointment to attend school.

Lost The Committee on Conference Relations offered their report, requesting that no person, over 45 years of age, be transferred to this conference. The report was not adopted.

Stewards' Report The Stewards' report was read by J. S. Petty and adopted.

On motion of J. A. Ruble, the money apportioned to Mrs. A. J. Greer will be placed in the hands of Millard Myers to be used as needed.

Conference Claimants J. S. Petty offered a resolution on the Conference Claimants' Fund which was adopted.

Missions The Report on Missions was adopted.

Conference Boards The Board of Church Extension, the Conference Board of Examiners and the District Boards of Church Location were read by J. J. Robinette and adopted.

Statistics M. A. Rule presented the Statistical Report and it was adopted without being read.

Thanks Resolutions of thanks were tendered Bishop W. F. Mallalieu, Dr. T. B. Russell, J. A. Ruble, J. E. Hughes, the good people of Newport and the railroad companies.

The Journal was read and approved.

Appointments On motion of Dr. Manker, conference adjourned after devotional services and reading of the appointments.

W. F. MALLALIEU, *President.*

JAMES H. AMIS, *Secretary.*

REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS.



U. S. Grant University.—This University, the central Institution of highest grade for our white conferences in the south, has just completed, according to its catalogue, its thirtieth year. It has maintained a steady growth, both in enrollment and quality of work, and is at present a member of the University Senate, which relation indicates its high standing in the educational field. But especially do its alumni and former students, who are to be found in all sections of our country, representing the various positions and lines of legitimate business, attest the merits of our school, which appeals to you for your sympathy, patronage and prayers.

For many years the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society has rendered generous financial support, but the time has come when we should begin to consider ways and means for a permanent endowment fund. The alumni have inaugurated a move in this direction. Notes of \$100 and upwards are solicited, the interest payable annually and the principal in easy installments. *One hundred thousand dollars* ought to be easily raised.

The school, for its thirty-first year, has opened with an enrollment of some 20 per cent over last year. Prof. W. A. Wright, Ph. D., is the efficient Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, and he is ably supported by a fine Faculty.

The School of Theology, of which Dr. G. T. Newcomb is the efficient Dean, has enjoyed a year of prosperity and is demonstrating its great importance to the successful prosecution of the work within the bounds of this conference. The School of Medicine and the Business College have also had commendable success, nor have their prospects for the future in the least diminished.

Although not immediately under the authority of the University, and yet, in connection with it, is the Ritter Industrial School for Girls, conducted by the Woman's Home Missionary Society. This helpful and most needed school is also in a prosperous condition and is a great auxiliary in the far-reaching and important work of the institution.

In view of these facts we are profoundly grateful to the Great Head of the Church for His fostering care, and pray that more and more His blessings may rest upon the labors of His servants, the entire faculty.

Resolved, therefore, That as ministers of the Holston Conference, holding a very intimate relation to the U. S. Grant University, we will continue to present its claims to the people and in every way to advance its interests.

2. That we recommend the appointment of G. T. Newcomb, Dean of School of Theology, R. J. Cooke, W. W. Hooper, M. R. M. Burk, E. C. Ferguson, Professors, and John S. Petty, Field Agent for said University.

3. We recommend Rev. J. F. Perry, J. J. Manker, I. H. Miller, J. J. Robinette, J. M. Melear and T. H. Hodge, as a Conference Board of Visitors for the ensuing year, and the Presiding Elders as visitors to the School of Theology.

Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.—The aid given by this society to our University and affiliated schools has been generous and timely. Without this aid our educational work would be very much, if not fatally, crippled. We, therefore, desire to call our pastors' attention to the presenting of the claims of this society to their congregations and endeavor to raise the apportionment assigned this Conference.

Board of Education—We are truly grateful to the General Educational Society for the substantial aid it has given our educational work both at U. S. Grant University and at other schools within the bounds of this Conference. U. S. Grant University alone received during its history \$20,000; therefore, that we show our appreciation of this very liberal aid, be it

Resolved, That the pastors of Holston Conference shall insist on the observance of Children's Day in all Sunday-schools on their charges, using the official programme published by Dr. Payne; also that they assist in the collection of loans, forwarding all collections for this society at once to Secretary Payne.

Oakland Seminary.—Oakland Seminary is situated at Baileyton, Greene county, Tennessee. This school up to the present date has enrolled 200 students, with more to follow. The Seminary is a neat two-story frame building, 30x60 feet, divided into five recitation and study rooms. Besides this, the people of Baileyton and surrounding country have erected a beautiful auditorium, with a seating capacity of 1500, with stage settings of the most beautiful designs, all of which, to be appreciated, must be seen.

The campus contains six acres, which is adorned with cottages and dormitories, some twenty in number, for the benefit of students wishing to board themselves.

The school is under the principalship of Miss Nina L. Bailey, class of '87, U. S. Grant University, with J. K. P. Malone and Miss Nola Sanders as assistants. Under this corps of teachers the course has been thoroughly revised and is now as thorough and strong as any preparatory school in East Tennessee. It is in the midst of its friends and owes its life to them. It is fifteen years old and has enrolled over 1000 different students and graduated thirty-three of them. The property is worth from \$8,000 to \$10,000.

Wesleyan Academy—This school, last year, may be considered as having been a success. Prof. H. F. Ketron, the Principal says: We succeeded in working up some interest, and were able to keep the school open the entire year, making an average attendance of 48 for the year. We opened the present session August 24th, and are now closing the 6th week with a very fair attendance. We have enrolled 98 up to date, and have made an average attendance of 75 the first month. Our school is very largely made of local patronage.

We recommend the financial condition of this school to the careful consideration of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.

Kingsley Seminary.—Kingsley Seminary, at Bloomingdale, Tennessee, founded nineteen years ago, has, from the beginning, been under the management of the present Principal, Joseph H. Ketron, A. M. It is situated in Sullivan county, and near the Tennessee and Virginia state line. The location of this school is such as not, naturally, to interfere with the interests of any other seminary of our church.

While the largest part of its patronage is from East Tennessee, Southwest Virginia and Southeastern Kentucky, students have been received from twelve different states. From the beginning 844 different students have been received. Of this number 467 have been non-residents. So far as can be ascertained about 208 have been trained for teaching, and 45 have studied for the ministry.

Kingsley Seminary has, during these nineteen years, been meeting a real want in the territory from which most of its patronage comes.

The character of the school has been such as to secure the confidence of good, intelligent people.

We endorse this school and urge our people there to aid in its further development.

Powell's Valley Seminary.—This institution is entering upon what promises to be a very prosperous year. The literary department is in charge of three teachers, all of whom are graduates of Grant University. The enrollment last year was as follows:

Primary,	141
Intermediate,	18
College Preparatory,	31
Music,	14
Counted Twice,	12
Total,	<u>192</u>

The enrollment to date this term has reached about 170, and promises to be larger by several per cent. than last year.

We are among a good sturdy people, but a people very much in need of thorough, sound education. Such an education we are trying to place within their reach.

Murphy College.—The year closing May 15th, 1896, was the most successful year in the history of the school. The enrollment for the year was 359. Two graduated from the classical, and ten from the academic courses. The course of study has been raised so as to include an additional year's work.

The management of the school is keeping in mind that Murphy College is intended to be a feeder to U. S. Grant University, and all diligence will be used to have all its students complete their education there.

The Girls' Industrial Home, which was opened at the beginning of this school year, has proven to be a great advantage to the school. The expense of board, including room, fuel and light, is put at the exceeding low figure of five dollars per month. The Home will furnish accommodation for forty girls, and it is expected that all the room will be occupied before the year closes.

A reading room and large additions to our library are among the improvements which have proved to be of great benefit to our students.

The outlook for the school was never more hopeful.

Murphy College is located at Sevierville, Tenn., the county seat of Sevier county, on Pigeon river, twenty-five miles east of Knoxville. Boats run daily between Knoxville and Sevierville. This section of country is noted for its healthfulness, mildness of climate and beauty of scenery. Springs and streams of pure water are abundant.

From the campus there may be had an unobstructed view of the Smoky and Chilhowee ranges of mountains. All things considered, there is no more suitable place in the central-South for the location of a college.

For further information address the President, J. C. Eckles, D. D., Sevierville, Tenn.

Holston Seminary.—This is good school property in the

town of New Market, Tennessee, most beautifully located, and well worth \$2,500.

For several years the school had been neglected, but during the past two years the property has been improved to the extent of \$300, and the efficiency of the school greatly increased. The history of this well known institution need not be repeated to the members of the Holston Conference, who are acquainted with hundreds of people, throughout the bounds of this conference, who testify by their business ability and Christian integrity to the effective training received in Holston Seminary.

Under the present management, with the hearty support of the church, the school bids fair to steadily increase in usefulness.

Students enrolled during the past year, 138; income of school, about \$500. Present school year began August 17, and continues with increased attendance.

Parrottsville Academy—From the Parrottsville Academy no report has been received, but your committee learns that the institution is in a prosperous condition, having enrolled more students at its recent opening than for some years.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. M. MELEAR, Chairman.

R. J. COOKE, Secretary.

Epworth League Work—Believing most firmly in the providential origin of the Epworth League, and fully convinced of the magnificent possibilities inherent in it, we submit for more than ordinary consideration the following resolutions:

1. Membership in the Epworth League means something or nothing; the pledge insists that it means something; yea, verily, that it means much. In view of prevailing low standards of life and laxity of discipline, we believe that the pledge should be affectionately presented, clearly explained, and firmly insisted upon. Moreover, the distinction be-

tween members as active or associate may be thus most easily determined.

2. While every department of League work is important and thoroughly organized and cannot be dispensed with, yet it must be said that not one is more vital than that contemplated in the organization and efficient operation of Junior Leagues.

It cannot be too strongly insisted on that the church that today most successfully and intelligently subserves the interests of the young will be the church of tomorrow. Few departments of church work afford more opportunities or open as wide avenues of possibility as the Junior League. We, therefore, commend the matter as worthy the profoundest regard, and beseech our pastors and Senior Leagues to unite in the early organization and efficient management of Junior Leagues in every charge in the Conference.

Resolved, That we recognize in the reading course an opportunity for the literary and moral culture of our young people and deplore the fact that it is not more generally pursued.

We congratulate the *Epworth Herald* on its enlarged circulation, and we unqualifiedly indorse and recommend it to the patronage of all our chapters. The *Methodist Advocate-Journal* has been of great service to this cause, and we urge Epworthians throughout the Conference to do everything in their power to extend its circulation.

We recommend Dr. Schell's *Bible Studies*, the use of which we believe will promote intelligent and devout familiarity with the word of God.

Let our prayers be full of faith that the next Spring Rally to be held in April, 1897, may be one of marked spiritual profit and power. The last one held at Harriman was a signal success, rich in suggestiveness and spiritual profit.

Respectfully submitted,

G. R. ROWAN.

Temperance.—Believing the liquor traffic to be the most stupendous evil of our time, and believing that “the only proper attitude toward it for Christians is that of relentless hostility,” we hereby declare our purpose to promote every proper means for its suppression and prohibition by law.

And, looking toward organized facilities for creating sentiment favorable to legal prohibition, we submit herewith a communication from Dr. A. J. Kynett, chairman of the “Permanent Committee” of the Methodist Episcopal Church on Temperance and Prohibition.

GENERAL CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That at each session of every Annual Conference there shall be held, wherever practicable, under the auspices of the Conference Temperance Society or Committee, a conference anniversary or mass meeting in the interest of temperance and prohibition.

2. That we approve the object of the American Anti-Saloon League, as expressed in its constitution, and that we watch with interest and prayer its efforts to suppress the saloon; that we co-operate with such League so far as is consistent with our avowed principles of legal prohibition, and that we authorize the Permanent Committee on Temperance and Prohibition to appoint delegates to the annual conventions of said League.

3. That in harmony with the action of other religious bodies, the fourth Sunday in November in each year, or some proximate day, be observed as Temperance Sunday in all our churches by providing, under the direction of the pastor, addresses and other exercises suited to inculcate the principles of temperance and prohibition.

4. That the General Conference recommend to each Annual Conference the appointment of a Permanent Committee, auxiliary to the Permanent Committee of the General Conference.

5. That in every district of each Annual Conference a committee be appointed, of which the Presiding Elder shall

be chairman, with instructions to co-operate with the Permanent Committee of the Conference, such District Committee to be appointed by the Permanent Committee of Temperance, of the Annual Conference.

6. That the Committee on Temperance, of each Quarterly Conference, be recommended to promote such organization of the members of the Church and congregation as may be practicable, for co-operation in each church, under the direction of the pastor and Quarterly Conference, with the Permanent Committees of the District and Annual Conferences.

7. We recommend that collections be taken on Temperance Sunday to be divided as follows: One-fourth to the General Conference Committee; one-fourth to the Annual Conference Committee; one-half to the Quarterly Conference Committee.

We also recommend to this Annual Conference the appointment of the committees suggested by the General Conference Committee, and that we proceed, at once, to organize the Districts and various charges in accordance with the recommendations of said General Conference Committee.

We also present the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the time has not yet come when we can dispense with most careful and constant instruction on the subject of temperance.

Resolved, That we believe it the duty of every christian, and especially every christian minister, to register his vote against the licensing of the liquor traffic.

Respectfully Submitted,

E. H. McLAUGHLIN,

W. B. RIPPETOE,

D. G. PILE,

W. C. MILLER,

J. C. HODGE.

Church Literature.—Whereas, This is an age of Literature; the people are becoming more and more a reading peo-

ple; the destinies of young people are determined largely by the class of literature which they read; our Church stands second to no other church in offering to her people good, wholesome, inspiring literature. And

Whereas, Many of our pastors are careless in regard to our publications, showing less interest in this great work than our Fathers in the ministry formerly did. Hence they are not doing what they should do for the promotion of intelligence and loyalty among the young people by the distribution of christian Literature.

Resolved, 1. That we pledge ourselves to encourage, as far as practicable, among our people, a strong appreciation for our publications, and a consuming desire for the reading of such books and periodicals as will be productive of both culture and piety.

2. That we believe the *Methodist Advocate-Journal*, the official organ of the Holston Conference, of the M. E. Church, is ably edited, is for the promotion of the interests of the M. E. Church in the south; that we appreciate the sacrifices made in the past for the paper by Rev. R. J. Cooke, D. D., Rev. J. S. Petty and others; and, that we pledge our loyalty to this paper, and our efforts for the increase of its circulation among the members of the Church in the bounds of the Holston Conference.

3. That we appreciate the worth of the "Great family of Advocates" published by our church, the *Epworth Herald*, the official organ of the Epworth League, and the ably prepared periodical, the *Methodist Review*, and heartily recommend the *Christian Advocate*, or the *Western Christian Advocate*, for every Methodist family, and the *Epworth Herald* as being the best paper published for our young people, and the *Methodist Review* as being helpful to every intelligent Methodist.

4. That the literature of the Sunday-school, Epworth League and Tract Society are worthy of our sincere consideration; that we pledge our support and loyalty to all the publications of the Book Concerns at Cincinnati and New

York, and all the departments of the M. E. Church, and are convinced that our people, both pastors and laymen, should patronize more liberally, than they do, our own publications.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. M. YORK,

R. A. PARHAM,

B. M. MARTIN.

Sunday-schools and Tracts.—While we rejoice in the growth of our Sunday-school work, and the results that have been realized, we believe there are yet possibilities of great magnitude before the church; and, inasmuch as the religious education of the young is of vast importance, we recommend that great care be exercised by pastors and superintendents in the selection of teachers.

And, whereas, the Sunday-school Union has aided during the past year more than 3,000 schools of our Church; and, whereas, it has no resources except contributions from the charges, and that it asks from the entire Church the sum of \$50,000, as the smallest amount with which its work can be done, (the apportionment to this Conference being \$165), we recommend that this amount be approved and apportioned by the Presiding Elders to the several charges, and, if practicable, be raised the coming year.

And as the circulation of tracts is an important evangelizing instrumentality, we pledge ourselves to do what we can to meet the demands of this good work. We recommend and sincerely urge that a collection for tracts be taken on every charge the coming year.

G. T. FRANCISCO.

A. Y. SNAVELY.

A. G. CADLE.

J. F. PERRY.

J. C. Wright.—Your committee to whom the conference relation of the Rev. J. C. Wright was referred finds that a

record has been made, and incorporated in the minutes of the Holston Conference of the M. E. Church, South, of the admission to that conference of the Rev. J. C. Wright, of this conference. Said records seem to your committee to be in regular form. But the Rev. J. C. Wright appeared before your committee and declared that said conference of the M. E. Church, South, had no right to make any such record. That he never was admitted to said conference, and that he did not know that such change had been made until he saw it in print some time thereafter.

Your committee finds further that the Rev. J. C. Wright did go to the appointment assigned him by this conference, which charge your committee learns he has served acceptably during the conference year.

Your committee further learn from the Rev. J. C. Wright that he does not seek membership in said conference referred to; and, whereas, a change of membership could not be completed without the action of this conference,

Therefore we recognize the Rev. J. C. Wright as a member in regular standing in this conference.

T. S. WALKER,
 THOMAS B. RUSSELL,
 JOHN W. MCGEE,
 BENJAMIN CRIST,
 L. B. CALDWELL.

Church Extension.—Whereas the Church Extension Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church is one of the efficient agencies in the promotion of our work in the South, not only in our cities, but in our rural territory; and,

Whereas, The Holston Conference has been extensively aided in the erection of many commodious houses which could not have been built without aid; and,

Whereas, The Missionary Society greatly needs its aid to carry out the injunction, GO; therefore,

Resolved. That we will instruct our people on this great

subject, and pledge ourselves, as far as possible, to raise our amount apportioned to each charge.

Respectfully submitted,

HAZEN OAKS, Chairman.

American Bible Society.—Whereas, the American Bible Society has become so embarrassed that it has been compelled to suspend its home colporterage work; and,

Whereas, The Society has received \$5,484.54 less this year than was received twenty years ago, thus retarding its work, we, your committee, recommend that each preacher in the Holston Conference receiving an appointment take the collection for the American Bible Society at as early a date as practicable, and forward the same to the Society.

Respectfully submitted,

L. O. CROWDER,

W. R. BYERLY,

P. H. HENRY.

Auditing Committee.—Your committee to audit the Presiding Elders' accounts have performed that duty, and find them all correct.

I. H. MILLER, Chairman.

District Conference Records.—Your committee on District Conference Records report them all correctly kept.

J. L. CARDWELL, Chairman.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

To the Holston Annual Conference:

This certifies that in Newport, Tennessee, on Sunday, the 4th day of October, 1896, in accordance with the Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, I ordained as Deacons: Jacob S. Best, William S. Brackney, David H. Gibson, and Burton M. Martin. And as Elders: James M. Melear, George M. Stout, Joshua Linebaugh.

Given under my hand in Newport, Tennessee, on the 4th day of October, 1896. W. F. MALLALIEU, *Bishop.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

ATHENS DISTRICT.

Ducktown.....	\$ 90 00
Erie.....	95 00
Kingston.....	145 00
Maryville Circuit.....	60 00
North Athens.....	80 00
Total.....	\$470 00

CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.

Alton Park.....	\$ 40 00
Avondale.....	40 00
Hill City.....	20 00
Ridgedale.....	80 00
Sherman Heights.....	40 00
Crossville.....	20 00
Dayton and Spring City.....	250 00
Daisy.....	50 00
Kimball Street.....	40 00
Morgan Spings.....	40 00
Pikeville.....	80 00
Rockwood.....	40 00
South Pittsburgh.....	100 00
Tracy City.....	40 00
Webster.....	40 00
Total.....	\$920 00

CLINTON DISTRICT.

Clinton.....	\$ 80 00
Jamestown.....	60 00
Deer Lodge.....	50 00
Jellico and Newcomb.....	50 00
Maynardville.....	30 00
Cumberland Gap.....	40 00
Sunbright.....	40 00
Scarborough.....	20 00
Oliver Springs.....	40 00
Total.....	<u>\$410 00</u>

GREENEVILLE DISTRICT.

Elizabethton.....	\$ 85 00
Greeneville.....	100 00
Johnson City.....	50 00
Jonesboro Circuit.....	45 00
Rogersville.....	60 00
Sneedville.....	20 00
Watauga.....	60 00
Surgoinsville.....	30 00
Total.....	<u>\$450 00</u>

KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.

Elm Grove.....	\$ 50 00
East End, (Knoxville).....	200 00
Morristown.....	100 00
Morristown Circuit.....	40 00
Newport.....	100 00
Wear's Valley.....	60 00
Total.....	<u>\$550 00</u>

Grand total.....\$2,800 00

I hereby concur in the above appropriation.

W. F. MALLALIEU.

REPORT OF THE STEWARDS.

Received for distribution:

From the Chartered Fund.....	\$ 22 00
From the Book Concern.....	777 00
From Conference Collections.....	280 00
From T. B. Russell, Secretary.....	16 00
Total.....	<u>\$1,095 00</u>

This has been distributed with the greatest possible care as follows:

R. O. Ayers.....	\$ 65 00	Paid to Crist.
Mrs. W. B. Ballinger.....	15 00	“ Chase.
Mrs. Daniel Carter.....	10 00	“ Reed.
Mrs. E. B. Clark.....	15 00	“ Petty.
W. C. Daily.....	100 00	“ Himself.
Mrs. W. H. H. Duggan....	15 00	“ West.
Mrs. John Forrester.....	26 00	“ Peters.
Mrs. E. L. Fillmore.....	50 00	“ Newcomb.
Mrs. A. J. Greer.....	50 00	“ Grant.
Mrs. W. M. Haskall.....	10 00	“ Jones, J. S.
Mrs. G. M. Hicks.....	15 00	“ Melear.
Mrs. J. R. Hughes.....	12 00	“ Himself.
S. W. Hyden.....	50 00	“ Parham.
Minor heirs of D. S. Hodsdon	50 00	“ Rule.
Mrs. W. T. Jones.....	100 00	“ West.
George Julian.....	15 00	“ Rowan.
Mrs. D. B. Lawton....	25 00	“ Jones, J. S.
J. B. Little.....	15 00	“ Amis.
W. R. Long.....	50 00	“ Himself.
J. W. Mann.....	60 00	“ Jones, J. S.
Mrs. J. P. Milburn.....	12 00	“ McGee.
Mrs. J. F. Morrison.....	25 00	“ Byerly, W. R.
Mrs. J. P. Morton.....	100 00	“ Amis.
P. H. Reed.....	75 00	“ Himself.
T. H. Russell.....	60 00	“ Manker.
Mrs. W. H. Rogers.....	15 00	“ Rowan.
Mrs. S. B. Scott....	25 00	“ Gorman.
Mrs. M. Seaton.....	15 00	“ McGee.
Mrs. Elijah Still.....	10 00	“ Chase.
Mrs. A. G. Watkins.....	10 00	“ Roberson.
Total.....	<u>\$1,095 00</u>	

Respectfully submitted,

Newport, Tenn., Oct. 5, 1896.

J. S. PETTY, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That in view of the large number of worthy, necessitous cares on our list of Conference Claimants, the Presiding Elders be instructed to apportion according to the ability of the respective charges, the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to be raised for this fund the ensuing conference year; and that each pastor be required to present this cause and to solicit contributions from every society.

J. S. PETTY,

J. S. JONES.

Resolved, That this conference extend to the Rev. T. B. Russell its hearty and sincere thanks for his very efficient and acceptable services as Secretary of the body during the last twelve years.

J. J. ROBINETTE,

W. C. MILLER.

Resolved, That our appreciation is hereby expressed to the Railroad Companies, over whose lines we reached the seat of conference, for the reduced rates given us, and for all courtesies we have received at their hands.

J. S. JONES.

Resolved, That the Presidency of Bishop W. F. Mallalieu over the present session of the Holston Conference has been in the highest degree satisfactory to us as a conference, and that his admonitions and addresses, and his preaching, have been eminently instructive and inspiring, and we believe that the beneficial results of his presence among us will long be felt for good.

Resolved, That we extend to Rev. J. A. Ruble, Presiding Elder, and to Rev. J. E. Hughes, Pastor, and to the good people of Newport, our heartfelt thanks for the royal manner in which they have provided for and entertained us during our session, and that we gratefully record our appreciation of the generosity of the pastors and people of all the Churches of the pleasant little city of Newport.

J. J. MANKER,

J. S. JONES,

T. S. WALKER.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

1. Be sure your report is correct, and be ready to report the first day of the conference.
 2. Study carefully the actions, reports and resolutions contained in this book.
 3. Keep a copy for future reference.
 4. Remember this book costs something—labor, time, patience and money.
- J. H. AMIS, Secretary.
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SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE.

I certify that this pamphlet contains in substance the official proceedings of the thirty-second session of the Holston Conference.

J. H. AMIS, Secretary.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Friends into whose hands this pamphlet may fall, please remember our friends who have advertised in it. Help those who help us.

J. H. AMIS, Secretary.



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AS TO TRANSFERS.



We, the members of the Holston Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, in annual session assembled, declare our devotion and unswerving adherence to the doctrines and polity of the Methodist Episcopal Church. We also have great faith in the outcome of the mission of the Old Church to this Southland, for we know of a truth that she is carrying the Gospel of the Lord Jesus to many destitute localities, and under God is fashioning human characters as polished stones, thus fitting them for the Master's use. The reorganized Holston Conference has now a history covering thirty-one years. These years have been made sacred by hardships, toils and sacrifices known only to the heroic men who have shared them, and the great Head of the Church, whose ears are always attent unto the cries of His people, and who bottles up the tears of His saints. During these years we have lived down much of prejudice, overcome many hindrances to our progress, and in the name of our Christ have succeeded in gathering many congregations, comprising an aggregate membership of 25,000 souls, creating church property aggregating in value \$375,000.00, and in establishing our Central School, which, like the heart in a great body, sends its pulsations of life and power into every nook and corner of our territory. And so while we have not done all that we have had opportunity to do, we rejoice in the achievements made and for them give God the glory. We count it a priceless privilege to have had membership and ministry in the Methodist Episcopal Church and a small part in winning these blessed results for God and humanity.

But it would be strange, indeed, if during these years some abuses had not found their way into our administration. One of the most grievous of these has gained entrance through the exercise of the transfer power by the Bishops. The strongest two of our churches have been permitted to pursue a policy for the last fifteen or twenty years which has tended to weaken them in some important respects, and to discourage and weaken the conference as well; a policy which draws the line sectionalism and discrimination against the members of the conference, and discounts experience, ability, loyalty to the institutions of the Church and fitness in all essentials for the appointments in question *when found at home*.

We believe in and accept the theory that the great body of our ministry is a unit—one body, without respect to the boundaries of annual conferences, nor do we question for one moment the right of the Bishops to

transfer a minister from the membership of one annual conference to that of another; but for churches in the interim of conference sessions to "call" men and so far perfect the appointments as to place said men in charge, and that, too, with as much assurance that the arrangement will be confirmed as that the conference will convene, we hold to be subversive of the best interests of Methodism, and a practice rightly to be discouraged.

Therefore we urgently request the Bishops who shall have charge of Holston Conference, hereafter to remind these churches that the members of the conference in whose bounds they are located have some rights that they must respect, and that when they can be supplied from the conference as advantageously to all the interests involved, it must be done. This policy would strengthen our connectional interests and bind together more closely the stronger and weaker charges; it would tend to develop our own men and our own Churches alike and put the conference on a permanent and solid basis; it would call attention to our own schools and beget among us a laudable pride and ambition that would hasten the development of our latent resources and tell most favorably upon every vital interest of our great Church. And, so while we are ready to welcome young men who come to *remain* with us and become *permanent* members of our conference, we respectfully *urge* the *discouragement* and *discontinuance* of "*special*" *transfers*—men who come to serve a church and then go, having made a place for themselves by bringing some other brother in.

J. J. ROBINETTE,

T. S. WALKER,

T. B. RUSSELL,

T. H. HODGE,

J. D. ROBERSON,

L. S. FULLER.



REPORTS OF PRESIDING ELDERS.



ATHENS DISTRICT.

It is with a profound sense of gratitude and devout thankfulness to God, the great Head of the Church, that I present my first annual report as Presiding Elder of the Athens District.

The Athens District, as now composed, embraces the territory included in the counties of James, Bradley, Meigs, McMinn, Blount, Polk, Monroe, Loudon, and portions of Knox and Roane. This territory extends from Ooltewah on the west to Maryville on the east, and from Kingston on the north to the state line on the south.

In the district there are sixteen pastoral charges, four stations and twelve circuits. At the last session of the Conference pastors were appointed to all these charges except one, Ducktown, which was left to be "supplied." Immediately after the beginning of the conference year this charge was put under the care of Rev. George R. Rowan, a member of the Oklahoma Conference, but a native of our own East Tennessee, and a graduate of our own school in both the literary and theological departments. He has had a very successful year in this hitherto difficult charge. Brother Rowan returned to this climate for the benefit of his health, which, I am glad to say, he is slowly regaining.

Changes have occurred in the pastorate of two of our charges. At the end of the first quarter of the conference year L. B. Caldwell, who had been appointed to the Maryville circuit, was removed by the Bishop to fill a vacancy in the church at Johnson City, caused by the withdrawal from our Church of the pastor appointed there. The Maryville circuit was supplied by the appointment of R. S. Sampson, a local elder in our Church. Under all the circumstances Brother Sampson has had a good year.

About the end of the first quarter George M. Stone, pastor of the Erie circuit, abandoned his charge, thus leaving it without a pastor. Soon afterward I supplied this vacancy by putting A. J. Haynes, a local preacher, in charge of the circuit. Brother Haynes has done good and faithful work, and has had some success.

The Disciplinary course was taken in the case of Brother Stone, the result being his suspension until the assembling of this body. But soon after the action in his case, he made application and was received into the United Brethren Church.

About the close of the third quarter D. H. Jameson, because of feeble

health, became unable for duty. Very reluctantly he consented to take a vacation, which his congregation cheerfully tendered him. He repaired to his home and friends in Ohio, and has not been able to return. He is afflicted with that dread disease—consumption, and is slowly yielding to its ravages. In a letter recently received, he says: “I do not know what will be done in my case, but if such a thing were possible or allowable I should like very much to be continued on trial. Long before another conference year shall have passed, I hope and expect to be ‘admitted into full connection’ among the angels and archangels of God. To me the prospect daily grows brighter. Sometimes friends commiserate me on my sad lot, but many do not seem to understand me when I tell them not to waste sympathy on me, for scarce an unhappy moment comes to me.” Brother Jameson was one of the most efficient and successful men I have known. He left his impress upon the church of which he was pastor and won a place in the affections of the people which men rarely achieve. His work in his church abides, as will be evidenced in the report of that charge, it being one of the few to meet all claims for ministerial support and the benevolences.

With these exceptions nothing has occurred to interfere with the constant, systematic and faithful work of the pastors appointed to their respective charges at the last session of the conference.

In the district we have ninety-one (91) congregations, with an aggregate membership of 4,502. This is an increase over last year of 1,166. We have fifty-one Sunday schools with an average attendance of 1,836, or an average attendance for each school of 36. Special attention has been given to this department of our work and for the most part with very good results. We have 9 Epworth League chapters, some of which are doing excellent work. Others are not so active and successful. Prayer and class meetings are maintained in many of our congregations and gracious revivals of religion have blessed all our charges, with one exception, during the year. Conversions have been made and many have united with the Church, thus affording one evidence of their genuineness. No interest of the Church has been neglected and spiritually we have had a healthful growth.

Within the district are four camp-meeting places. Two of these are under the supervision of our Church and in the other two we have an interest in common with other denominations. The first two mentioned are Lake Wildwood, near Cleveland, Tenn., and Carpenters Camp-ground, a few miles from Maryville. At Lake Wildwood, the property consists of about 30 acres of land, nearly half of which is covered by a beautiful fresh water lake, a good tabernacle, or shed, with a seating capacity of 800 or there about, and some other improvements. This property is owned by an association, the members of which are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. At Carpenters we have a good country church, a shed several camps and two or three acres of land. This is an old established place.

very popular and the meetings which are conducted according to the old idea of camp-meetings, are usually successful. At both of these places as well as at the other two mentioned, good meetings have been held this year.

The financial condition of the district is not what we should like to have it. The cry, "hard times" has been in everybody's mouth and the belief that the times are hard has had its effect upon the temporal interest of the Church. And yet notwithstanding this, we shall be able to report a healthful advance in both ministerial support and the benevolences over the last year. In regard to these interests the following statement will exhibit the condition of the district:

1. Pastoral support:—(1) Claims in the aggregate.....	\$6,385 00
(2) Receipts in the aggregate....	4,548 00
(3) Deficiency in the aggregate.	\$1,837 00
Average claim for Pastor's Salary.....	\$ 399 06
Average Receipts.....	303 20

The smallest amount received by any Pastor is \$60.00, paid by the Erie circuit. The largest amount received by any Pastor is \$700.00, paid by the Church at Maryville.

2. The Benevolences:—(1) The Apportionments for all benevolences, in the aggregate, is \$1,060.00. (a) The "Equitable Apportionment" for missions made by the Missionary Society through its regularly constituted committee on apportionments, is \$350.00. (b) The apportionment for Church Extension is \$133.00. (c) For Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society the apportionment is \$117.00. (2) Receipts from the district for all benevolences, \$698.00. (a) Receipts for missions, \$371.00. Charges have raised the full apportionment and in the next tabulated statement will appear in Class First, thus giving Athens District an enviable distinction. (b) Receipts for Church Extension \$58.00. (c) Receipts for Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education \$44.00. The charge making the best average for benevolences is K., whose members pay .845 per capita. The charge making the smallest average is Madisonville Circuit, whose members pay .016 each. Average per member for missions for the district .105. Average per member for ministerial support and the benevolences \$1.685; increase over last year about 58 cents per member.

Two churches have been erected this year, both in the Madisonville circuit, T. R. West, pastor. One of these has been dedicated free of debt, the other is ready for dedication. These are good country churches and meet an urgent demand in the communities where they are located. A church property, worth about \$600.00, has been purchased from our Presbyterian friends at Louisville, Maryville circuit, R. S. Sampson, pastor. Louisville is situated on the Marietta and North Georgia railroad, some fifteen miles from Knoxville, and the center of one of the finest agricultural communities in East Tennessee. Here we have a small congregation

with good prospects for growth. In addition to these, we have in course of erection a church on the Chattata circuit, M. H. Monroe, pastor: one on the circuit at Axley's Chapel, which is to be constructed in accordance with plans and specifications obtained from Architect Price, of Philadelphia, and when it is completed—the contract has been let and the work is to be pushed—it will be the best country church in the district: M. C. Bruner is the pastor. And another on the North Athens circuit at Pine Grove—this church is almost ready for dedication: it is spacious, well constructed and badly needed; Benjamin Crist is the pastor.

At Ebenezer, on the Beaver and Lenoir charge, J. S. Strange, pastor, a neat and comfortable parsonage has been erected at a cost of \$500.00. It is free of debt and the pastor now occupies it.

Repairs have been made upon church property on the Decatur charge, the Athens circuit, the Erie circuit, and the church at Maryville has been completed, making the auditorium of that church one of the prettiest in the conference.

It is well known that the College of Liberal Arts of the U. S. Grant University is located at Athens. This institution was never in a more hopeful condition. For the present year it has already enrolled 176, which is about 15 per cent in advance of last year. The general grade of the students is higher than usual. The senior class numbers eleven; the other college classes are larger than for several years past. It is a noteworthy fact that most of those looking toward graduation are taking the classical course. During the past year considerable progress has been made in the work of endowment. Notes in the denomination of \$100.00 and upward are being called for, the interest of which is payable annually, and the principal in easy installments. On these conditions \$100,000.00 ought to be raised in the South. That would mean almost nothing for tuition, and put the opportunities of an education within the easy reach of every young person of energy and determination. The Ritter Industrial Home is a valuable adjunct, and is worthy of much praise.

From many considerations the outlook is very bright, and with the hearty co-operation of all the friends, the institution may be able to record a larger enrollment this year than that of any former session of the University.

Finally! The outlook for the Church in the Athens district is encouraging. The disturbances, in several localities, caused by the organization of what has been called the American Methodist Church, and its attempt to deceive our people and steal our Church property, have quieted, the people having had time to see the wicked spirit that prompted it and the great folly of attempting such a movement. Some of them have, and others will, return to the Methodist Episcopal Church, which they left, being deceived.

In two or three of our charges the doctrine of sanctification has been

presented in such a manner and, in some instances, by such characters as not only to bring that Bible doctrine into disrepute, but almost to disrupt our churches. The very wisest and most careful administration of which we have been capable, has been necessary to prevent schism and hold these charges intact: but we hope the worst is past and that the future will be productive of better things.

I entered upon my work at Kingston October 26. I have made the regular quarterly visitations, holding fifty-six quarterly meetings in person and eight by proxy: have preached two hundred times: made two hundred and fifty visits to families: prayed in homes, other than my own, one hundred and thirty times: baptized one adult and four infants: held one district conference: conducted two funerals and solemnized the rites of matrimony between two couples: have dedicated one church and laid the corner stone of another: traveled through the district and superintended the various interests of the church with the best wisdom and energy I possessed. Have received for my services, from all sources \$672. I was never more cordially received by both preachers and people, never had better health, never loved the church more nor had stronger faith in God than now.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. ROBINETTE, Presiding Elder.

CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.

In speaking of the *personnel* of the District, an unusual number of changes are to be noted. Three pastoral charges were left at conference to be supplied, the Stone Church, the Tracy City circuit, and the Pikeville circuit. The first was provided for by the appointment of Rev. S. T. Westhafer, transferred from the Maine Conference by Bishop Joyce, to whom Bishop Goodsell had given the matter in charge. The Tracy City circuit was placed in charge of Rev. W. T. Dugan, a local preacher living within the bounds of the circuit. To supply the Pikeville circuit Rev. B. M. Martin was transferred from Sherman Heights, where he had been appointed by the Bishop, and the vacancy thus created was filled by changing brother U. S. A. Heavener from Hamilton and Fairmount circuit, which was then placed under the care of Rev. W. C. Haltom, who has been assisted by Brothers R. B. Templeton and C. C. Morris, all three of these brethren being students in our School of Theology at Chattanooga. Rev. James M. Taylor was appointed by Bishop Goodsell as a supply to the Morgan Springs circuit, but he did not go, preferring and deciding to attend school. No suitable person could be procured for this charge until the close of the first quarter, when Brother W. J. Kerley, a local preacher, and Clerk of the Circuit Court in Bledsoe county, agreed to fill the appointments during that one quarter, Brother George W. Paul having consented

to take it as soon as the Theological School should close its spring session. Brother Paul accordingly served as pastor the last half of the year.

W. W. Anderson, whom the conference declined to receive on trial at its last session, was, nevertheless, sent by the Bishop as a supply to the Crossville circuit, but very soon after the first Quarterly Meeting it became necessary, for the protection of the Church, either to bring him to trial under charges affecting his moral character, or to relieve him from the charge of the circuit. The latter course was deemed best, and he was accordingly relieved, and Rev. H. L. Nestor, a local preacher assigned in his place.

The next week following the session of our conference of last year, at which Brother J. C. Wright was assigned to the pastorate of the M. E. Church in Harriman, it was stated in the published proceedings of the Holston Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, that Brother Wright had been received into that Conference, and appointed pastor of their congregation in South Pittsburgh. Within a few days after this announcement appeared, Brother Wright wrote me, saying, among other things, "I now feel that I have acted very unwisely and that I have done the Church of my love a wrong, and I stand ready to do all in my power to retrieve the wrong, my Heavenly Father helping me. I now declare my adherence to the M. E. Church, and loyalty to her connectional interests. If you, as my Presiding Elder, can see your way to let me go on and serve the work to which Bishop Goodsell appointed me it will lift a mountain burden off my heart, and I promise by God's grace to render the best service for the M. E. Church of which I am capable." Accompanying this letter from Brother Wright was one from Brother Ruble, in which he said: "Having seen all the telegrams that passed between the Holston Conference, M. E. Church, South, and Brother Wright, I do unhesitatingly and earnestly advise you, if you can see your way to do so, to accept his statement and authorize him to go at once to Harriman and enter upon the work."

To this a reply was immediately sent, in substance if not in exact words, as follows: "If you have applied for and accepted membership and appointment in another church you are by that fact out of the M. E. Church, and nothing that I can do can restore you; but if, on the other hand, you have not withdrawn, and have not accepted membership or appointment in another communion, you are by virtue of Bishop Goodsell's appointment, pastor at Harriman."

Brother Wright proceeded immediately to Harriman, met the official board and made to them a statement concerning the matter in question, which the board by unanimous vote declared satisfactory, and Brother Wright accordingly entered at once upon his work as pastor, and has throughout the year served the church to the satisfaction and profit of the people.

Some facts ought to be stated relating to the financial and property interests of the church in the district. The First Church, Chattanooga, in addition to meeting its current expenses for the year, and making some improvements and repairs amounting to about \$200, has also removed a small floating debt of about \$500, a result due largely to the wise management and inspiring leadership of the new pastor, Rev. S. T. Westhafer. The church at Ridgedale has been greatly embarrassed with a debt of about \$2,200, but has effected a re-adjustment of its liabilities, reducing the amount nearly \$500, and under such terms as will enable it to save this valuable property to the church. The Sherman Heights church has also been in danger on account of a mortgage which they feared they could not pay; but during this year the whole amount (\$445) has been raised and paid, an achievement due almost entirely to the energy and devotion of the pastor, U. S. A. Heavener.

Our beautiful church at Dayton, dedicated during the session of conference there in 1889, was destroyed by lightning in May, 1894, leaving the trustees with a debt of nearly \$1,600, and no insurance. The situation was considered well nigh hopeless: but the old local debt of nearly \$1,000 has all been cancelled, about \$725 raised toward rebuilding, and the house is well under way, and will be completed with no addition to its former and long unpaid loan of \$500 due the Board of Church Extension, and with no other indebtedness. Brother Coleman is justly entitled to the credit of this really notable success, and to his great praise he is willing to go back and finish his well begun work, although his support has been, and must be, insufficient to meet his actual living expenses.

Many of our churches are still in debt, but none are in immediate danger, and all with good management can be saved.

All the pastors in the district have been faithful and efficient in their work, and without exception, all have had revivals, conversions, and accessions to the church, the largest number of conversions and accessions being on the Pikeville circuit under the care of Brother B. M. Martin, and the Graysville circuit, Rev. T. J. Best.

Financial difficulties have confronted the brethren everywhere, but they have been patiently borne and in the main wisely managed for good. But troubles of another character have arisen in some places. On the Hamilton and the Graysville circuits, in particular, very unbrotherly and persistent efforts have been made to alienate our people from the church. Our doctrines and polity have been assailed, our chief ministers maligned, and the church denounced as oppressive in its government and administration. Appeals have been made to our members, and even inducements have been offered them to leave their own church and unite with another. These efforts have met with only small success.

Our pastors have wisely refrained from dignifying this unseemly conduct with any public notice, preferring to extend and build up the work

of the church in the more legitimate and scriptural way of seeking and saving the lost. Brother Haltom and Brother Best, in charge of these two circuits, have been very successful in their revival work, and have added to the church far more than it had lost.

Death has been among us. Brother E. L. Fillmore, pastor at Hill City, while assisting me in a quarterly meeting and convention in the country, was attacked with what proved to be a fatal sickness. He lingered for three weeks, and then in full possession of his faculties, and in glorious triumph, passed from the bosom of his family and friends to rest forever from his labors. He died August 12, 1896.

Brother John Swiney, while attending the last quarterly meeting on his circuit, was, on Saturday, the 19th inst., called home by the serious illness of his wife, who within a few hours, and before the arrival of her husband, died in great peace.

The reports of the pastors will show about 400 conversions and about an equal number of accessions to the church. The total amount collected for the various benevolences will be about \$600 to \$650. The average salary of the preachers in the district for the year has been about \$268, but leaving out the Stone church, it would be about \$216.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. MANKER, Presiding Elder.

CLINTON DISTRICT.

I was appointed to the Clinton District by Bishop Goodsell one year ago. It was a new field to me. I had never seen any part of the territory and but very few of the people. My predecessor, Rev. J. A. Ruble, a man of splendid ability and unbounded popularity, after six years of labor on the district, left the work in good shape.

This year has been one of hard and honest work, but has not been attended with that measure of success that we hoped for at the beginning of the year, or that we prayed and labored for through the year. However, it has not been a year without good results. We have great reasons for praise to the Lord for his mercies and his blessings. While two of the superannuated members of the Holston Conference have been transferred from the bounds of the Clinton District to the Church above, the lives and health of all the pastors have been so preserved that not one has surrendered his charge or been seriously interrupted in the continuance of his work. On account of a temporary illness, I was prevented from attending one of my appointments. I have held fifty-four quarterly meetings in person, five by proxy; and have preached about two hundred times. We established a district conference and had a pleasant and profitable session at Clinton in July.

Financially, this has been a hard year on the presiding elder, pastors

and people. The two principal sources of income in this section of country are the coal mines and farms. The mines have been operated only enough to furnish a bare support for the miners. The crops on the farms were short, prices for farm products exceedingly low and a feeble demand for any surplus the farmers had for the market. For these reasons, chiefly, the district will make a poor showing financially.

Among a large per cent. of the people in this district, there seems to be a lack of information concerning the connectional and benevolent interests of the church. A deplorably small number of the homes of the people are supplied with a discipline and church periodical. Very few of the books from our publishing house find their way among our people. From some cause it seems that the itinerants have surrendered our right to supply the homes of our people with literature to professional book agents that furnish a high-priced undenominational literature that is better than none, but not near as good as our own.

The Sunday-school work in the district is not what it ought to be, but in advance of what it is on some other lines. We have a number of excellent Sunday School workers and a fair average attendance throughout the district.

The league work in this district has never been a very marked success and has not made very great progress during the past year. A very interesting district league was held in connection with our district conference and from it we hope for good fruit. There have been good revivals held in almost all the charges. I have not the exact figures, but there have been somewhere about a thousand conversions in the district during the year.

I would briefly call attention to the different charges by name. Andersonville is a circuit with eight or nine preaching places; this charge is in a good section of country; most all the classes are provided with good country churches, but we need one or two more. Brother Snavelly, the pastor, has had a fair measure of success.

Big Valley circuit is in a fertile valley among a well to do class of farmers. One good new church, worth about eight or ten hundred dollars, has been built and dedicated free from any debt, and another one is soon to be finished. Brother Grant, the pastor, has spent three years on this work and the past year has been one of decided progress.

Clinton is the only charge in the district with but one church. Steady and faithful work has been done through the year. Brother McLaughlin, the pastor, is a strong preacher and a true man and we have some excellent people in Clinton, loyal to God and the church.

Cumberland Gap circuit, under the able preaching and constant and careful labor of Brother C. W. Miller has had a year of reasonable and solid growth.

Deerlodge is not a strong charge, but Brother Peters, the pastor, has

made himself felt in the bounds of this work. A new church is nearing completion at Deerlodge, with a bright outlook for another at Wartburg.

Jamestown circuit is in the extreme west part of the district, and is a circuit of magnificent distances. It runs into the new oil field and should receive careful attention. Brother Clark, a young local preacher, was the supply. There has been some good work done on this charge.

Jellico and Newcomb were once two separate charges, now one. They are two mining towns near the Kentucky line. This has been Brother Amis' fourth year at these places and he is very greatly loved by his people and will make a good report. We have here three good churches.

Maynardville circuit lies out a little north of Knoxville and is a good charge. This is Brother Stout's first year as pastor. He has done good work and the people are very anxious to have him back.

New River is a circuit along the line of the Cincinnati Southern railroad. Brother B. C. Taylor has served as supply. This is his second year and during the two years past he, assisted part of the time by his son, Jimmie, has had, in the bounds of this charge and neglected places around it, over six hundred conversions and over three hundred this year. The membership has been increased four or five hundred per cent. The people would feel greatly afflicted if Brother Taylor should not be sent back to them.

Oliver Springs.—W. D. Gorman has served this charge as supply. Some good revivals have occurred, the Sunday School work greatly advanced, one new church nearing completion and two others under way.

Rutledge circuit has had for its pastor P. W. Shockley, a supply. There have been some good revivals on this work. There is one new church ready now for dedication. This circuit has a large membership, but the financial report will not be very flattering.

Scarbrough circuit is one of our oldest country charges. It has not had a year of marvelous growth, but it has had faithful work and strong preaching by the pastor, P. H. Henry. The interests of the church have been carefully looked after and progress made.

Sunbright is an average circuit. The pastor, R. A. Parham, who was admitted on trial last conference, has done honest, hard work and will have a fair report.

Tazewell was supplied by J. T. Phillips. The first part of the year was very successful in the way of revivals and pastor's support, but the last half has not been so good. The report will show an encouraging advance.

Wellspring circuit is one of our best. Brother J. M. Emert, the pastor, has looked after all the interests of the church. About 150 conversions, a good increase in membership; Sunday-school and league work excellent; benevolent collections good.

There are some other towns and sections of country where our church

has not been operating that ought to receive the attention of this conference. Coal Creek is a town where we once had a church, but it has been neglected. A class of over twenty members has been organized there during the past year. Rutledge, another town where we once had an organization that has been dropped, but there are people there who are calling for the labors of our preachers. New River circuit, with means and the right kind of men, might be developed into two or three good circuits. There are other fields that need our work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. ROBERSON, Presiding Elder.

GREENEVILLE DISTRICT.

The work on this district has, generally speaking, been full of encouragement, and some advancements have been made. The pastors, as a whole, have been earnest and faithful in preaching the gospel, and the result has been that many souls are saved, the people of God edified, and many of the societies strengthened, and the cause of Methodism more firmly established.

This district comprises nineteen pastoral charges, three stations, and sixteen circuits, with one hundred and forty-one preaching places. Twelve counties of upper East Tennessee, in whole or in part, are embraced in it.

We shall make a brief statement of the leading features of the work, and not give an account of each pastoral charge as we have done in former reports. Let me state:

1. That the **SPIRITUAL CONDITION** of the district is good. The revival spirit has been felt among us in nearly all the charges. The members have been quickened, backsliders reclaimed, and sinners converted. The people are coming to a clearer comprehension of the spiritual character of our work for Christ. We have felt the great need of getting the people to appreciate this feature of the work, and hence special effort has been made in this direction. The quarterly meetings on many charges, are occasions of great spirituality. The communion of saints is a real blessing to many. The love-feasts are times of refreshing from the Lord. Our people, considered as a whole, live for Christ, and love the Church and her doctrines. There have been 1,339 conversions, and 800 accessions to the church.

2. The **FINANCIAL CONDITION** of the district has been claiming much of our thought. It may be wrong to complain; yet, I feel it my duty to say here that many of the pastors have been in great straits this year; and we may not wonder at this when we consider the hardness of the times; yet, I think that more could be done with respect to paying the preachers, and giving to the benevolent collections. This matter is of

such importance to the permanency and success of the work that we cannot plead too much or too earnestly for help; yet, taking the finances, as a whole, they will compare favorably with last year, and, in spite of the hard times, our benevolent collections and the support of the pastors in many places are good.

3. The SUNDAY-SCHOOL work is being carried on successfully. During the year we have organized several new schools, and many of the older ones have increased in numbers and in usefulness. The pastors, superintendents and teachers labor hard to promote this department of church work. The Sunday-schools in some places could be extended if the ministers and Sunday-school committee acted more in harmony with the rules of the discipline on this subject. This work is of great importance on the district. "The church that takes good care of her children prepares for the future her most useful members." Many of the schools on the district are organized into missionary societies, and the reports of the pastors will show that the children take some part in the cause of missions. The methods in use in many of our schools are those approved and adopted by the most advanced Sunday-schools of the country. The blackboard, the *Sunday School Journal*, the *Berean Leaf*, the *Classmate*; indeed, all our Sunday-school literature can be found in our schools.

4. The CLASS MEETINGS, PRAYER MEETINGS, and SOCIAL MEETINGS on some charges do not receive such attention as they should. Until this essential deficiency is remedied no amount of effort by the pastor will accomplish what might otherwise be reached. On other charges there is a deep spiritual life, and all these meetings are receiving close attention.

5. Another interesting work is that of the EPWORTH LEAGUE. From some cause, a few of the chapters have gone down, and others are not doing as well as they might; yet, a few new ones have been organized and some of the old ones are in good working condition. We are led to the conclusion that if the pastors would give more attention to this department of church work that grander results would be reached.

6. Another important work is that of EDUCATION. The district has in its bounds four church schools. These have been, and are, doing most excellent work. The highest success of our work in this country demands that education and preaching go together. Students thoroughly drilled in these schools, and inspired with correct notions of the dignity of human character, and the value of souls, and, above all, with love for Jesus and his cause, will be a power in the future history of Methodism.

7. AS FOR THE RELIGIOUS TRAINING of the children, we are glad to report that the majority of the pastors have done their duty, and with their zeal for the children have answered the question of the Discipline on this point to the satisfaction of all who heard their answers.

8. I am glad to be able to report progress concerning the circulation of our CHURCH PERIODICALS and BOOKS: yet, there is room for much im-

provement in the distribution of all these. This is one great interest that should be carefully watched and encouraged by every pastor.

9. We would not fail to speak of the PASTORAL VISITATIONS made by the brethren. The homes have been looked up and many a sick and dying one cheered with the message of love. With but few exceptions, the pastors have been faithful in this department of church work. Many homes have had the old time fire carried to them, and souls have been won to Christ and Methodism.

10. Let me call your attention to our building and repairing of churches and parsonages. In this work we have to battle with many difficulties, but the Lord has been with us and given us success. Three churches have been completed and dedicated free of debt, six others are being built and will soon be completed. Arrangements are also being made for others that will be erected in the near future. Repairs have also been made on others. Two parsonages are being built. Our great need in this territory is more parsonages, and if we had the means we would soon have the number required.

I will say in closing this report that Methodism in the Greeneville District is still growing. The future prospect of our church is very encouraging. We need to do more and better work for Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

S. G. KETRON, Presiding Elder.



MEMOIRS.



REV. WM. C. GRAVES.

“A good man is the noblest work of God.” Such is the inscription on the plain but neat marble slab which marks the last resting place of the Rev. Wm. C. Graves, who, at the time of his death, was one of the oldest, and best men, and best loved ministers in the Holston Annual Conference of the M. E. Church.

He was born August 13, 1815, and when fifteen years of age, joined the M. E. Church as a seeker of religion. Two years later he was converted and appointed class leader; the following year he was licensed to exhort, and in 1834 he was admitted to the Holston Annual Conference on trial. From this date to the date of his death he lived in the ranks of his Methodist brethren, a man of God against whom there was never so much as an intimation of evil. When the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, withdrew from the old church, he, as did all the Methodist preachers of that section, went with the new Church, but when the old Church was again reorganized, he was among the first to re-enter her fold and labor for her success.

During the war, and that period worse than war that followed it, W. C. Graves was a peacemaker: bending all his energies to promote harmony between his Methodist brethren, who, as he says in his Journal, “were divided by bitter political sentiments.” This was but in keeping with his character as exhibited throughout his whole life. He was ever the same sweet-spirited man of even temper, always desirous of peace. During his ministerial life, he served sixteen years as presiding elder; edited for four years “*The Religious Intelligencer*” was twice elected to the general conference. When the East Tennessee Conference was organized, Brother Graves was one of the white members of the Holston Conference who helped to make the East Tennessee Conference possible. His best work in this connection was doubtless the founding of what is now the Morristown Normal Seminary, a school which has done and is doing no small share in the work of educating colored men and women as teachers and preachers for the colored work in the South. He never lost his interest in this work after he returned to his own conference. The students of that school showed their appreciation of their old friend by walking four miles to attend his funeral in a body. As a preacher, Brother Graves was clear

and forceful, his style being conversational. While he was not what men of these times would call a great revivalist, he was nevertheless very successful in winning souls to Christ; and many there are throughout East Tennessee, Western North Carolina and Southwestern Virginia who were converted under his ministry. He was a faithful pastor; few men have prayed in more East Tennessee homes than did Wm. C. Graves. In all these homes he was ever a welcome visitor. Many are the children who have climbed upon his knees and received his word of advice and blessing.

He was a man who had passed through great afflictions; six times had he gone to the grave-yard to bury his dead—his wife and five children.

Within six weeks he buried his wife and two grown children, his son and a daughter, but with all his spirit maintained the same trustful mood. An evidence of his self-control is found in his Journal where he refers to the burial of his son. There was no minister present, and, after prayer by a layman, Brother Graves himself delivered the funeral address.

His long and useful life was brought to a close January 29, 1896. He had been in failing health for three years, but not until May, 1895, did the matter seem serious. From that time he grew worse and finally, through great suffering, came to his death. His patience was a wonder of grace. His disease, dropsy, gave him almost constant pain, but never one word of complaint or impatience escaped his lips. He talked of dying and of heaven as one talked of his worldly plans of tomorrow.

The writer conducted the funeral services at Economy church, two miles west of Morristown. There was a large concourse of people present, representative citizens for miles around came to do him honor. Ten ministers of different denominations were present and participated in the services, some of whom had been associated with him for more than fifty years, and spoke tenderly of his virtues. After the services at the church were concluded, in accordance with the desire of the family, the body was delivered into the hands of the Free Masons, and by them buried in the church-yard beside his wife and children. Sixty-four years a Christian! Sixty-two years a preacher of the gospel! Splendid record of a noble man. But his life is not ended; it will go on in influence here and in fact yonder.

He leaves five children and one sister to follow in his princely footsteps. On the records of this Annual Conference, we write "William C. Graves, having served his generation by the will of God, has now fallen asleep."

J. S. JONES.

REV. D. S. HODSDEN.

David Shields Hodsdon was born February 28, 1848, in Sevier county, Tennessee, and received his education at Princeton, New Jersey.

At a meeting held in Sevierville by the Rev. J. D. Lawson, in 1867, he was converted to God and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Not long thereafter he received license to preach, and in 1875 joined the Holston Annual Conference of which he remained a member until his death, except for a brief period of about two years, which was spent in the South Kansas Conference. Brother Hodsden served many of the best circuits in our conference, some of them being the Sevier, the Clinton, the Knox and the New Salem. A number of years he spent in station work in some of our smaller towns.

As a man he was modest and retiring; broad in his spirit and generous in his affections. As a preacher he was clear, logical and forceful. Few in the conference was his superiors: none were more faithful in preparation and more fearless in utterance than he. During the most of his ministry he was eminently successful in evangelical labor, and many of the leading members today, in the charges which he once served, were led to the cross under his ministry. At our last conference, he was appointed to the Fair Garden circuit. He had, during the previous year, been greatly afflicted by disease, and was not well at conference: but his intense desire to continue in the service, led him to accept the task given him. It was with great feebleness that he went to the circuit, but the fires of zeal and enthusiasm, which characterized the major part of his ministry, glowed brightly, and already he was having large promise of a successful year, when the power of disease again asserted itself and he was prostrated. He was taken to the home of his childhood, now occupied by his brother, where, after lingering a few weeks, he died in the faith.

He leaves five children who mourn his death.

Only a few weeks after his death, his wife, who had been confined to her bed with consumption during Brother Hodsden's illness, also passed away. Two of the children, a boy and a girl, are grown: the other three, a girl and two boys, become the wards of this conference. Let us see to it that the children of our faithful dead be not entirely bereft, but by prayer and sympathy, by love unstinted, and by help practical and generous, let us make them our wards indeed.

J. S. JONES.

REV. ALBERT G. WATKINS.

Rev. Albert G. Watkins was born in Jefferson county, Tennessee, May 5, 1818, and departed this life, at his home in Hawkins county, Tennessee, November 9, 1895, aged seventy-seven, and was buried at Mossy Creek, Tennessee.

In early youth he received a collegiate education and soon afterward studied law. While quite a young man he was elected to represent his county in the State legislature, serving two terms. A few years later he represented his district in the Congress of the United States, serving four terms, to his own credit, and great satisfaction of his constituents.

August 30, 1839, he was married to Miss Louisa Britton, of Kentucky.

who died in the year 1885. He was married the second time in December, 1886, to Miss Lucretia Caldwell, who still survives him.

In 1865, at Panther Springs, Tennessee, under the ministry of the late Rev. W. C. Graves, he was most gloriously converted to the knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ, joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, and immediately began praying in public, and before the meeting closed, he delivered his first public exhortation to his neighbors. Soon thereafter he received license to preach, and joined the Holston Conference in 1866, and traveled Mossy Creek, Morristown, Dandridge, Knox, Jacksboro, Pincastle, Rutledge and other charges with great acceptability. It was while in charge of the Rutledge circuit in 1887 that his health failed, and he was compelled to give up the work, and take a superannuated relation to the conference, and was never able to preach but seldom afterwards, but still manifested great interest in the success of the Church.

Brother Watkins was a great student, and was well versed in the Bible and other books, and always had something new as well as interesting to say. He was a man of deep piety, a popular preacher, a good revivalist and an excellent pastor, always becoming well acquainted with people in their homes.

For several years he was a great sufferer, but manifested great patience, never complaining of his lot, but rather rejoicing in the grace that sustained him.

His strength gradually failed him, and he quietly and victoriously passed to his rest, respected and beloved by all. "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace."

T. R. WEST.

REV. DANIEL BRADLEY LAWTON.

Daniel B. Lawton was born in the western part of New York, June 5, 1814, and died near Keuka, Florida, May 12, 1896, in the eighty-second year of his age.

Brother Lawton was powerfully converted to God when only twelve years old, and began to preach when in his eighteenth year. He began his ministry in the old Black River Conference, and for over sixty-four years was a member of the itinerant ranks. He was a man of heroic faith and courage, profoundly versed in the doctrines of the word of God as expounded by Wesley and the early Methodist fathers. As a preacher he was clear, strong and full of unction and the power of the Holy Ghost.

Brother Lawton only spent a few years of active service in the Holston Conference and was not well known by many of our ministers, but was held in high honor and esteem by all who had the privilege of an intimate acquaintance with him. The data for a full and proper biographical no-

tice are not at the command of the writer, but it is only plain and simple truth to say that his Christian life and experience were simple and child-like, but full and deep, constantly enriched and sweetened by communion with the blessed Jesus. For a good many years he was a great sufferer by reason of physical infirmity, and also from the embarrassments and privations of poverty, but he was sweet spirited and patient, and full of joyful expectation of the rest and glory awaiting the faithful follower of the Lord Jesus.

His faith did not falter, but his confidence and peace and joy and eagerness to depart and enter into rest constantly increased.

He died in great peace.

J. J. MANKER.

REV. A. J. GREER.

One by one the fathers of the Holston Conference are passing away. Among those who have entered upon their eternal reward during the year is the Rev. Andrew J. Greer.

Brother Greer was born in the state of Kentucky in December, 1832, and died Nov. 20, 1895. In 1864 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Holliday, who sits in sorrow, mourning for her departed companion, and listening for the voice that shall call her to rejoin him in the land where there is no more death.

The ministerial life of Brother Greer was long and useful. In 1856 he was licensed to preach by the Rev. W. C. Daily, and joined the M. E. Church, South, in which church he was ordained Deacon by the Rev. Bishop Andrews. Soon the pent up fury of civil conflict broke loose in the nation and threatened to disrupt the state, as ecclesiastical turmoil had already divided the church, and brother Greer, like many other heroic preachers in East Tennessee Methodism, bore his share of the sufferings and dangers that surrounded those who were loyal to the government of their fathers. When the clouds of war were lifted and peace once more smiled upon the land, brother Greer met the brethren who were organizing this Holston Conference at Athens, Tenn., and there, on June 1, 1865, he was ordained Elder and received into the Holston Conference as a traveling preacher. For thirty-nine years this faithful man of God preached, with blessed results, the gospel of reconciliation. The people hung upon his ministry, revered him and loved him for his noble qualities and unflagging zeal in the cause of our Lord and Master. Many, among whom is the writer of this, in the last day will rise up and call him blessed, for with earnestness of soul, vigor of thought and profound love, he called them to repentance and brought them to Christ.

In the course of his life Brother Greer often held offices of public trust and responsibility. Never in any office that he ever held did he dim the lustre of his christian character. A man of honor, of integrity, of sterling

worth he lived above suspicion and preserved, while in civil office the spotless reputation that was freely accorded him as a minister of Jesus Christ. His last days were days of peace. For him death had no terrors. He declared his readiness to depart, the river to him was a brook and he looked with joy to his everlasting reward in the presence of his Redeemer and Friend. He rests from his labors, for he never ceased to proclaim eternal life, and has joined the immortals, who walk in white, and behold forever the face of God in everlasting joy. To his sorrowing companion of life's journey, we send our message of sympathy and cheer, and pray that in the infinite mercy of God we, with her, may greet our departed brother in the land of light and life and eternal love.

W. T. SENTER.

REV. E. L. FILLMORE.

The Holston Conference has lost one of its efficient members and Hill City charge a faithful and successful pastor, by the death of Rev. E. L. Fillmore which occurred at Hill City August 12, 1896. He was born in Champaign, Ill., June 11, 1864. At the age of fifteen he graduated from high school and was preparing for college when his health failed and he was obliged to give up study till later in life. In company with his parents he moved to Minnesota in 1882, and settled at Big Lake. Here he was married in 1886 to Miss Ella B. Parrett, who with three children survives him. He was converted in 1887 and joined the M. E. Church, of which his wife was a member when he married her. In 1889 he removed to South Dakota and engaged in farming and also attended Pierre college. Having felt from the time of his conversion that he was called of God to the ministry, he joined the South Dakota conference in October, 1891, and was appointed to Heckla charge. He remained in this place two years and was then appointed to Langford. His labor on these charges was hard, having to preach three times on Sunday and face the terrible blizzards in the winter. His health failed on the second charge and he was obliged to seek a warmer climate. He moved to Tennessee in the fall of 1894, and was appointed to Hill City charge where he was completing his second year when called from labor to reward. He had also completed two years in the School of Theology of Grant University and expected to graduate next May. Although doing double work during these two years he did efficient work in both fields. Twelve of his brethren in the ministry attended his funeral and six of his fellow students acted as pall bearers. His remains were laid to rest in a beautiful new cemetery which he had dedicated a few months before his death. Although he had been in the South only two years he had gained a large place in the hearts of the people with whom he came in contact and will be greatly missed in the church he served in the community in which he lived, and in the school in which he would have been a senior the ensuing year.

G. T. NEWCOMB.

REV. S. B. SCOTT.

Rev. Samuel B. Scott, once a member of this conference, has finished his work and gone to his reward.

He was born in western New York November 3, 1829, and died at Oliver Springs, Tennessee, January 6, 1896. He was ordained deacon by Bishop Jones September 8, 1867, and joined the Holston Conference October, 1877, and was ordained elder by Bishop Simpson October 2, 1882. He served the following charges: Huntsville, four years; Scarbrough, two years; Jamestown, two years; Sunbright, two years; Crossville, three years; Oliver Springs, two years.

He was loyal to the Church and to his God, always went to where he was appointed without a murmur or complaint. I think I never knew a better man. He was industrious because he was good. All good men are industrious. He always impressed his people with his profound piety. He had a spotless character and a blameless life. In him was no guile. He had a correct view of life, and that was to glorify God and to better the world. He lived for others and not for himself. He was a model pastor and always preached the best he could. His life was a model for others. Doubtless he went sweeping through the gates washed in the blood of the Lamb.

A. C. PETERS.

MRS. J. H. JENNINGS.

Lizzie A. Reeves, daughter of Peter M. and Matilda Reeves, was born in Washington county, Tennessee, within two miles of what is now Johnson City, June 13, 1852, and departed this life, near the place of her birth, April 5, 1896. It was her good fortune to be well born and well reared. The home in which she first saw the light of this world was, in the truest sense, a Christian home: from the family altar the incense of prayer and praise ascended to heaven morning and evening of each day. Not only the children and servants, but the visitors as well, could not fail to be impressed with the fact that here religion was considered as being of supreme importance, and, whatever else might be slighted or neglected, nothing would be tolerated which militated against the worship and service of God. Peter M. Reeves was for many years one of the most prominent and influential members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in East Tennessee, one of its most loyal and devoted adherents, ablest defenders, most liberal supporters. His house was not only "the preacher's home" in the usual acceptation of this term, but was in fact the only home some of our pastors knew on the Jonesboro circuit during their term of service. An intimate acquaintance with our church in this section extending over thirty years, and with its prominent laymen in East Tennessee, leads us to question whether our Methodism, since its reorganization here, is more indebted

for its maintenance and progress to any layman than to Peter M. Reeves, the father of her in whose honor this sketch has been written.

At fourteen years of age, Addie, as she was familiarly called, made a public profession of faith in Christ and immediately identified herself with the Methodist Episcopal Church at Oak Grove, Jonesboro circuit: and, so far as any outward demonstration can determine, she lived to the close of her life in the service of God—a devoted, conscientious, self sacrificing Christian. She was, as we judge, happily married to our brother, John H. Jennings, May 12, 1881, and became the mother of nine children, three of whom were in glory before her, and the babe, only a few hours old when the mother was called away, has since joined her in the mansion of light to be separated from her no more forever.

At the time of their marriage, Brother Jennings had living one son, by a former marriage, nearly grown, and very soon thereafter his aged father came to make his home with them.

To an inexperienced girl her new position brought duties and responsibilities of a peculiarly delicate and trying nature, but she measured up nobly to the demands upon her and discharged every obligation in a conscientious, self sacrificing, cheerful spirit, winning the love and gratitude of those to whom she ministered. To her husband she was not only an affectionate companion, but a true helpmate, managing their domestic affairs with wisdom, frugality and marked ability, and made for him and their children a home of comfort, of brightness and joy—a beautiful type of the Home beyond the river of Death. Her summons came suddenly and unexpectedly, but she was, we doubt not, prepared through grace divine to obey it with cheerful readiness, and with joyful heart go to meet her loved ones and to see the King in His beauty.

“There is a land mine eye hath seen
 In visions of enraptured thought,
 So bright, that all which spread between
 Is with its radiant glories fraught.
 A land upon whose blissful shore
 There rests no shadow, falls no stain:
 There those who meet shall part no more,
 And those long parted meet again.”

J. S. PETTY.

MRS. D. S. HODSDEN.

Mrs. D. S. Hodsdon was born in Knox county, Tennessee,
 and died at her father's, Joseph Har-
 bison,

When quite young, she was noted for her womanly qualities and ingratiated herself into the affections of all her acquaintances. When a

young lady of some eighteen summers, during a revival conducted by the writer at Clapp Chapel, Knox Circuit, she professed faith in Christ and soon after joined the M. E. Church, South. In 1891 she was united in marriage to Rev. D. S. Hodsdon, of the Holston Conference, and at once joined him in his itinerant work, rendering him valuable assistance. More than a year ago that dreadful disease, consumption, began to make inroads upon her health; and she grew rapidly worse, so much so, that when her husband sickened and died she was unable to be with him or attend his funeral.

Sister Hodsdon had set her house in order, and, as the close of life drew near, she became perfectly resigned to her fate, and, in the home of her youth, surrounded by her relatives and friends, she quietly passed to her reward, to join with those who had gone before, where sickness and death never come.

Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord.

T. R. WEST.



STATISTICS No. 1.- HOLSTON CONFERENCE, FOR 1896.

NAME OF CHARGES.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISM.			SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.					
	Number of proba- tioners	Number of full members.	Number of local preachers.	Number of deaths	Number of child- ren baptized.	Number of adults baptized.	Number of schools.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.	Number of churches	Probable value.	Number of parsonages	Probable value.	Paid for building and improving churches and parsonages	Paid on old church property on church property.	Present indebted- ness on church property.
ATHENS DISTRICT.																
Athens	30	203	6	3	4	9	1	21	925	1	3000	1	100	100	0	
Athens Circuit	11	375	2	2	28	7	1	15	285	9	2700	1	40	30	0	
Boomer and Lenoir	30	611	2	2	21	4	2	200	84	200	5000	1	400	410	0	
Chafin	24	370	1	1	5	3	1	320	8	320	2250	1	1000	800	0	
Cleveland	5	180	1	4	1	1	1	126	1	1	5000	1	800	0	0	
Cleveland Circuit	29	318	4	5	2	9	1	136	10	10	5150	1	250	136	0	
Dewart	9	456	1	6	8	6	2	21	175	6	3500	1	250	0	0	
Ducktown	10	71	1	2	3	3	2	110	1	1	2500	1	0	0	0	
Erie	16	170	2	1	3	3	1	110	3	3	2500	1	250	25	0	
Kingston	9	66	1	1	1	1	1	50	1	1	700	1	600	200	0	
Landon	16	218	4	2	1	3	1	27	246	5	5000	1	300	300	0	
Landon Circuit	12	210	2	10	10	12	1	110	110	1	7000	1	108	108	150	
Maryville	30	425	1	2	1	5	2	225	4	200	1	75	50	0	0	
Maryville Circuit	27	351	6	2	1	13	1	21	160	6	5000	1	600	600	0	
North Athens	15	202	1	2	1	3	1	11	112	4	1200	1	350	0	0	
Ooltowah	11	215	2	1	1	3	1	11	112	3	2000	1	0	0	0	
Totals	371	4502	54	40	51	118	43	335	2666	72	\$ 54100	6	\$ 3150	\$ 2113	\$ 206	\$ 156
CHATTAHOOGA DISTRICT.																
Chattanooga	20	180	5	0	0	8	1	47	411	1	65000	1	6000	100	750	0
First Church	11	28	1	1	1	16	1	8	75	1	1500	1	225	200	0	0
Highland Park	9	160	1	1	18	1	1	18	125	1	3200	1	800	800	0	0
Hill City	3	64	1	1	12	1	1	38	1	2800	1	2000	1	800	0	0
Mission Ridge	14	83	1	1	10	1	1	10	100	1	2000	1	800	0	0	0
Ridgegate	12	32	1	1	10	1	1	75	1	6000	1	800	0	0	0	
Sherman Heights	12	80	1	1	2	1	1	12	81	1	800	1	0	0	0	
Tabernacle	2	182	2	1	2	2	1	4	75	1	400	1	500	1	0	0
Tracyville	6	175	2	5	1	3	1	27	17	3	3500	2	400	800	750	
Dayton and Spring City	60	300	2	5	1	14	5	35	300	6	2500	2	400	400	0	
Hamilton	12	54	1	4	8	10	3	16	140	5	3000	1	150	0	0	
Jasper	13	232	1	4	11	3	3	36	135	1	400	1	100	165	235	
Morgan Spring	56	146	1	3	59	4	4	37	181	4	1800	1	100	0	0	
Pikeville	20	80	1	1	1	3	1	15	166	2	4000	1	0	0	0	
Rockwood	10	150	2	2	10	1	1	8	50	2	5500	1	50	50	700	
South Pittsburg	20	245	5	1	2	5	3	16	110	6	2000	1	0	0	0	
Tracy City	13	202	1	8	3	12	1	14	185	1	2000	1	50	0	200	
Harriman	316	2830	20	28	27	157	37	343	2658	40	\$106700	7	\$ 7550	\$ 784	\$ 3985	
Totals	316	2830	20	28	27	157	37	343	2658	40	\$106700	7	\$ 7550	\$ 784	\$ 3985	

STATISTICS No. 1.—HOLSTON CONFERENCE, FOR 1896.—Continued.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISMS.			SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.				CHURCH PROPERTY.			
	Number of proba- tioners.	Number of full members.	Number of local preachers.	Number of deaths	Number of chil- dren baptized.	Number of adults baptized.	Number of off- icers and teach- ers.	Number of schol- ars.	Number of churches	Probable value	Number of patronages.	Probable value.	Paid for building and improving churches and parsonages.	Paid on old in- debtedness prop- erty.	Present indebted- ness on church property.
CLAYTON DISTRICT.															
Andersonville	25	287	4	4	4	4	26	160	1	3900	1	600	600	100	
Big Valley	15	350	5	5	25	1	36	18	1	4700	1	4700	600	50	
Clinton	22	80	1	1	1	1	10	14	1	2006	1	35	35	2006	
Chamberland Gap	50	338	1	2	4	4	32	300	3	2500	1	60	60	50	
Deer Lodge	6	115	2	2	3	3	12	7	4	2000	1	300	300	50	
Jamestown	15	175	4	5	5	5	18	17	3	900	1	4	4	900	
Jellico and Newcomb	37	169	4	4	1	1	29	265	2	4606	2	265	265	4606	
Maynardville	24	409	1	1	10	10	35	200	1	3506	1	3506	3506	3506	
New River	120	226	1	5	10	10	12	11	1	800	1	800	300	800	
Oliver Springs	10	160	1	1	13	13	12	10	1	1300	1	1300	150	118	
Rutledge	8	213	2	1	11	11	12	260	5	3000	1	1300	1300	118	
Scarborough	23	321	2	2	5	5	8	47	4	2300	1	150	200	22	
Sambright	42	500	1	5	2	2	35	236	5	5000	1	300	300	500	
Tazewell	28	365	2	2	20	20	35	385	1	6200	1	6200	1	6200	
Well Spring	308	3303	33	47	42	206	330	2601	59	\$40600	4	\$1134	\$1645	\$530	
Totals															
GREENEVILLE DISTRICT.															
Altenetown	8	222	3	2	2	2	10	65	5	4000	1	500	300	328	
Bloomington	51	525	1	1	17	17	35	125	5	2700	1	2700	2700	2700	
Elizabethon	6	96	1	1	6	6	56	500	8	7300	1	800	480	50	
Church City	70	480	5	6	20	20	50	580	8	12000	1	200	200	12000	
Fall Branch	20	600	3	12	6	6	17	175	5	5000	1	100	100	5000	
Greeneville	10	161	1	2	3	3	7	500	5	8000	1	95	95	12	
Greeneville Circuit	25	575	5	10	6	6	72	200	11	3000	1	3000	41	41	
Johnson City	25	200	1	1	1	1	11	200	1	2000	1	2000	1	2000	
Jonesboro	31	406	1	12	32	32	32	280	5	2000	1	1000	400	100	
Mountain City	10	43	2	2	6	6	25	150	4	4000	1	300	200	50	
Newport Circuit	31	281	5	2	4	4	70	400	5	2000	1	1000	1000	2000	
Oakland	50	400	5	10	9	9	50	100	3	4000	1	80	80	400	
Parrottsville	50	400	4	12	35	35	30	322	5	3100	1	1000	1000	280	
Roan Mountain	5	445	4	1	4	4	21	175	2	2700	1	250	250	2700	
Rogersville	15	180	1	5	11	11	8	47	2	500	1	500	500	500	
Romco	12	70	2	1	5	5	4	5	2	1300	1	1000	1000	1300	
Speedville	21	550	1	1	1	1	50	150	5	4800	1	4800	4800	4800	
Surgoinsville	45	560	1	3	3	3	17	250	5	3000	1	3000	3000	3000	
Watuga	40	260	1	12	3	3	17	250	4	3000	1	3000	3000	3000	
Totals															
	521	6433	36	86	83	270	518	4141	79	\$74000	6	\$8400	\$9249	\$161	

STATISTICS No. 1.—HOLSTON CONFERENCE, FOR 1896.—Continued.

NAME OF CHARGES.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTIST.			SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.					
	Number of proba- tioners.	Number of full members.	Number of local preachers.	Number of deaths.	Number of chil- dren baptized.	Number of adults baptized.	Number of schools.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.	Number of churches.	Probable value.	Number of parsonages.	Probable value.	Expaid for building churches and parsonages.	Expaid on old indebt- ed property.	Present indebted- ness on church property.
KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.																
Dundridge	40	560	1		4	10	5	10	250	4	1	350	1000	40	18	
Elm Grove and Jones' Chapel	19	160			1		2	19	120	2				32		
Fair Garden	57	571	3	10		28	9	91	657	9		1000	1000			
Knoxville.																
Asylum Street	84	222	1		1	10	2	59	323	1	1	800	15	765	539	
First Church	56	650	4		29	8	1	40	450	1		50000				
Lattred Street	8	173	2		2	8	1	32	238	1		7000	75			
East End	4	22			2			9	114	1		1500	850		605	
Knoxville Circuit	16	256	5		2	5	4	30	210	4	4	4000	35			
Little River	8	325	3		2		4	24	300	4	4	3200	1	2000		
Morrisdown	6	114	1		1		1	11	122	1	1	4050	100	30		
Morrisdown Circuit	19	279	2		3		4	36	211	7		4200	120	40	30	
Newport	4	67	1		1		5	36	330	5		1000				
New Salem	21	220			6	3		40	310	2		7000	300			
Richardson's Cove	37	566	1		3	3	4	28	200	5	1	5500	200			
Sevierville	39	310	1		8	22	6	23	200	6		5250	450			
Thorn Grove	43	151	2				5									
Wear's Valley																
Totals	471	4193	20	57	58	243	353	536	5725	57	5	\$ 1775	3545	867	1192	
RECAPITULATION:																
Atlanta District	279	4502	37	40	51	118	49	334	2533	72	6	3125	2113	200	156	
Chattanooga District	316	2530	30	28	27	157	37	317	2658	40	7	7950	784	3270	3385	
Clinton District	388	3003	33	47	42	206	59	330	2691	59	4	1150	1645	160	304	
Greeneville District	521	6433	36	86	83	307	68	518	4101	79	6	4600	3245	867	761	
Knoxville District	431	4693	20	53	58	143	48	496	3853	57	5	112300	2545	867	1192	
Grand totals	1935	22461	146	234	261	831	257	2025	15831	307	28	\$ 18600	10332	3537	6238	

STATISTICS No. 3.—HOLSTON CONFERENCE, FOR 1896.—Continued.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.				SUPPORT OF PRESIDING ELDERS.		SUPPORT OF BISHOPS.		CONF. CLAIMANTS REC'D FROM			CURRENT EXPENSES	
		CLAIMS.		RECEIPTS.		Debtencies.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Collections.	Endowments.	Other Sources.		Total.
		Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.									
KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.														
Dandridge	W. T. Senter	325	280	605	280	130	45	56	46	4	1	1	60	
Elm Grove and Jones' Chpl	W. S. Brackney	400	345	745	345	300	55	40	40	4	5	5	30	
Fair Garden	W. S. McAndrew	380						36	36	1	2	2	42	
Knoxville:														
Asylum Street	I. H. Miller	650	130	780	780	130	780	60	60	5	1	1	76	
First Church	T. C. Warner	1700	300	2000	2000	300	2000	230	250	20	60	60	1300	
Luttrell Street	J. S. Jones	1000	1000	2000	1000	1000	1000	68	68	8	25	25	212	
East End	J. M. Durham	200	125	325	125	20	125	20	15	4	7	7	36	
Knoxville Circuit	A. M. Rose	375	190	565	190	40	190	50	50	4	2	2	18	
Little River	L. O. Crowder	355	30	385	359	5	385	50	50	5	3	3	75	
Morristown	T. H. Hodges	600	508	1108	508	34	508	40	34	4	11	11	43	
Morristown Circuit	T. S. Walker	325	280	605	280	300	325	40	40	2	2	2	60	
Newport	J. E. Hughes	300	300	600	300	300	300	40	40	4	5	5	60	
New Salem	W. B. Rippetoe	425	25	450	275	25	300	40	25	1	1	1	50	
Richardson's Cove	J. A. Baker	650	522	1172	522	25	547	10	80	5	5	5	71	
Newville	M. A. Rale	200	200	400	200	200	200	80	80	5	5	5	54	
Thorn Grove	Wm. Kinsland	70	45	115	45			15	15				20	
Wear's Valley	J. B. Seaton	70	45	115	45			15	15				20	
Totals		\$ 8055	\$ 530	\$ 7185	\$ 6749	\$ 480	\$ 6067	\$ 478	\$ 899	\$ 836	\$ 127	\$ 127	\$ 2190	\$ 520
RECAPITULATION:														
Athens District		5976	245	6221	4869	170	5039	1207	567	25	17	71	460	353
Chattanooga District		4730	607	5337	4405	707	5571	667	735	585	30	21	432	26
Clinton District		3790	320	4060	2691	305	2937	1064	643	443	7	13	246	280
Greenville District		6306	340	6706	4456	272	3234	1423	726	564	24	16	42	489
Knoxville District		8055	530	7185	6749	480	6067	478	891	899	36	45	127	2190
Grand totals		\$ 28847	\$ 2042	\$ 29075	\$ 23170	\$ 1934	\$ 22938	\$ 4839	\$ 3810	\$ 3058	\$ 122	\$ 127	\$ 2190	\$ 520

STATISTICS No.4.—HOLSTON CONFERENCE, FOR 1896.

BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.

NAME OF CHARGES.	MISSIONS:			EDUCATION.							Totals.						
	(a) Through	(b) Sunday-School	Total	Board of church extension	Sunday-School Union	Pract. Society	Freedmen's Aid & Southern Society	(a) Children's fund	(b) Other educational objects	American Bible Society		Women's Foreign Missionary Society	Women's Home Missionary Society	*B. piscopal	*Conference columns	(general conference expenses,	Other collections.
ATHENS DISTRICT:																	
Athens	61	36	100	10	2	2	10	10	10	1	1	1	1	15	1	182	
Athens Circuit	40	7	40	7	1	1	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	69	
Beaver and Lenoir	8	1	9	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	
Chatata	20	5	20	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	29	
Cleveland Circuit	45	5	50	5	1	1	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	10	1	82	
Cleveland	13	4	13	4	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	26	
Decatur	4	5	11	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	26	
Ducktown	26	1	26	3	1	1	5	4	2	2	2	2	2	6	1	50	
Erie	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	
Kingston	20	10	30	6	1	1	6	6	4	1	1	1	1	2	2	52	
London	14	14	14	5	1	1	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	50	
Lynchburg	38	12	50	3	1	1	3	3	5	1	1	1	1	3	3	70	
Maryville	5	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	22	
Maryville Circuit	5	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	
Madisonville	5	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	
North Athens	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	
Doltewath	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	
Totals	301	70	371	58	9	7	44	37	10	7	3	6	18	65	4	698	
CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT:																	
Chattanooga:	80	25	105	20	2	2	21	22	22	2	180	15	15	150	543		
First Church	1	1	8	2	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	18	
Alton Park	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	
Highland Park	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	
Hill City	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	
Mission Ridge	5	5	10	1	1	1	6	6	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	17	
Ridgedale	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	
Sherman Heights	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	
Tabor	4	4	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	
Taborville	5	5	10	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	
Dayton and Spring City	10	10	10	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	
Graysville	10	10	10	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	
Hannibal	10	10	10	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	
Harriman	36	12	42	13	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	1	79	
Harriman Circuit	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	
Jasper	5	5	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	
Morgan Spring	3	3	6	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	
Pikeville	14	14	14	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	36	
Rockwood	8	8	8	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	18	
South Pittsburg	6	4	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	
Tracy City	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	
Totals	188	69	257	57	11	6	29	51	9	188	21	36	150	820			

STATISTICS No. 4.—HOLSTON CONFERENCE, FOR 1896.—Continued.

BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.

NAME OF CHARGES.	MISSIONS.			EDUCATION.										Totals		
	(a) Church.	(b) School.	Total.	Board of church extension.	Sunday- school Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid & South- ern Educa- tion Society.	Children's fund.	(b) Other ed- ucational objects.	American Bible Society.	Women's Foreign Missionary Society.	Women's Home Missionary Society.	* B. piscopal Society.		*Confere- nce claimants.	(general confer- ence expenses. Other collections.
CLINTON DISTRICT.																
Andersonville	1		1	4			2									14
Big Valley	2		2	3												5
Ghanton	10		10	1			4									20
Cumberland Gap	4		4	1												15
Deer Lodge	4		4													6
Jamestown	10	8	18	6	2	1		3								38
Jellico and Newcomb	2		2	1												5
Maynardville	1		1													5
New River	1		1													3
Oliver Springs																
Rutledge	5		5													5
Scarbrough	5	1	6													7
Sunbright																
Taze well																
Well Spring	15	15	30	10	1	1		14								67
Totals	70	24	94	27	4	3	7	17	4	3	1	10	1	16	2	\$ 187
GREENEVILLE DISTRICT.																
Allentown	1		1	2												4
Bloomingsdale	14		14	10			3	3								17
Elizabethton	15		15	1	1	1		5								45
Chucky City	15		15	5												33
Fall Branch	10	20	30	10	2	2	4	2								60
Greeneville	10	5	15	1	1	1		2								28
Greeneville Circuit	10	10	20	5	2	1		2								47
Johuson City	1	6	7													7
Jonesboro	5	5	10	2			5	2								28
Mountain City	2		2	1												6
Newport Circuit	5	5	10				1	6								16
Oakland	10		10	2												23
Parrottsville	18		18	3			3									30
Rean Mountain	5		5	1												6
Rogersville	10	3	13	4	1	2		2								32
Romco	1		1													3
Roanoke	1		1													2
Seedsville	2		2	9												19
Surgonsville	5		5	10												15
Watnaga	2		2	1												8
Totals	163	41	204	60	6	6	29	24	4	6	1	18	1	37	5	\$ 464

STATISTICS No. 4.—HOLSTON CONFERENCE, FOR 1896.—Continued.

NAME OF CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											Totals.					
	MISSIONS.			EDUCATION.									*Conference claimants.	General conference expenses.	Other collections.		
	Church.	(b) Sunday-school.	Total.	Board of church extension.	Sunday-school Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid & Southern Education Society.	(a) Children's fund.	(b) Other educational objects.	American Bible Society.	Women's Foreign Missionary Society.					Women's Missionary Society.	* Episcopal fund.
KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.																	
Dunbridge	5		5	1													
Elm Grove and Jones' Chpl	16	4	25					2	1								
Fair Garden	15		15						15								
Knoxville:																	
Asylum Street	16	4	20	3													
First Church	61	161	225	32	5	5	25	4		5	78	460	20	5	1		
Luttrell Street	50	25	75	5		1	5			2	61		10				
East End	6	2	8	1													
Knoxville Circuit	7		7	1													
Little River	25	1	25	2				6		1	1		3				
Morristown	7	1	8	1													
Morristown Circuit	3	2	5	2				13		1	1		1				
Newport	12	13	25	2				2									
New Salem	6	10	16	2					1								
Richardson's Cove								5									
Richardson's Cove	25	10	35	3						1	8		5				
Saviville	10		10	2													
Thorn Grove	2		2														
Wear's Valley																	
Totals	\$202	\$ 244	\$ 506	\$ 58	\$ 11	\$ 9	\$ 69	\$ 57	\$ 407	\$ 10	\$ 149	\$ 462	\$ 60	\$ 121	\$ 8	\$ 31	\$ 1913
RECAPITULATION:																	
Adams District	301	70	371	58	9	8	44	37	10	7	53	6	18	65	4	6	698
Chattanooga District	188	69	257	57	11	6	29	51	36	3	188	1	21	36	2	150	820
Clinton District	70	24	94	27	4	3	6	17	4	3	1	1	4	18	5	30	185
Greenville District	163	41	204	60	8	9	29	24	4	8	1	4	18	37	5	30	414
Knoxville District	202	244	506	58	11	9	69	57	407	10	149	462	60	121	8	31	1913
Grand total*	\$984	\$ 448	\$ 1432	\$ 260	\$ 43	\$ 35	\$ 177	\$ 186	\$ 481	\$ 37	\$ 292	\$ 470	\$ 127	\$ 275	\$ 11	\$ 217	\$ 4086

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Districts.	Missionary Society.		Church Extension.		Sunday-School Union.		Tract Society.		Freedmen's Aid & Southern Education Society.		Education.			Bible Society.		Women's Foreign Missionary Society.		Episcopal Fund.		Conference Claimants.		General Conference Expenses.		Recapitulation.				
	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Total Cash.	Total Vouchers.	Total Cash.	Total Vouchers.	Total Cash and Vouchers.			
Athens	328	48	49	8	91	8	8	44	23	14	5	5	7	1	52	1	5	17	65	2	1	6	558	138	691			
Chattanooga	288	2	42	20	11	6	31	39	13	8	8	2	188	2	188	2	20	35	150	160	482	373	849					
Clinton	71	28	23	5	4	2	6	2	17	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	15	1	2	136	55	186				
Greeneville	104	15	51	30	11	9	29	13	14	2	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	41	4	30	392	90	477				
Knoxville	465	50	54	10	11	9	25	44	12	45	2	350	10	2	147	2	460	48	6	121	31	764	1143	1900				
Grand Total	\$1352	\$143	\$219	\$73	\$46	\$1	\$34	\$135	\$46	\$7	\$103	\$9	\$355	\$37	\$7	\$87	\$5	\$465	\$113	\$6	\$277	\$1	\$11	\$6	\$217	\$2332	\$1799	\$4103

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